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I THINK THEY'VE INSTALLED AN ***ELEVATOR!***

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POST PEBBLES CEREAL PRESENTS
BEDROCKIN' SHAKEDOWN
WITH FRED FLINTSTONE AND BARNEY RUBBLE!
OH, OH, OH--- WHAT I WOULDN'T DO TO GET FRUITY PEBBLES FROM YOU-KNOW-WHO!
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JOIN THE BAND, MATE! YOU'VE GOT THE SOUND WE NEED!
--ME?
SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE
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YEAH! SHAKE IT, SHAKE IT, SHAKE IT, SHAKE IT IN YOUR SOUL...
SNAP!
SHAKE
SHAKE SHAKE
SHAKE IT, SHAKE IT, SHAKE IT--
--SHAKE IT IN MY BOWL!
SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE
MMM--MM!
FRUIT-A-ROOTY!
BARNEY!?! MY PEBBLES!!!
YANK!
--YOUR B-BOWL?!
UH-OH! THE GIG IS UP!
POST FRUITY PEBBLES --THEY'RE YABBA-DABBA DELICIOUS!
POST FRUITY PEBBLES
POST COCOA PEBBLES
THE END

a STAR comics presentation

HEATHCLIFF

in "MUSCLE MOUSE"

WE'LL BE RIGHT HOME AFTER THE MOVIE, HEATHCLIFF!

DON'T WORRY, GRANDPA! HE'LL HOLD DOWN THE FORT WHILE WE'RE GONE!

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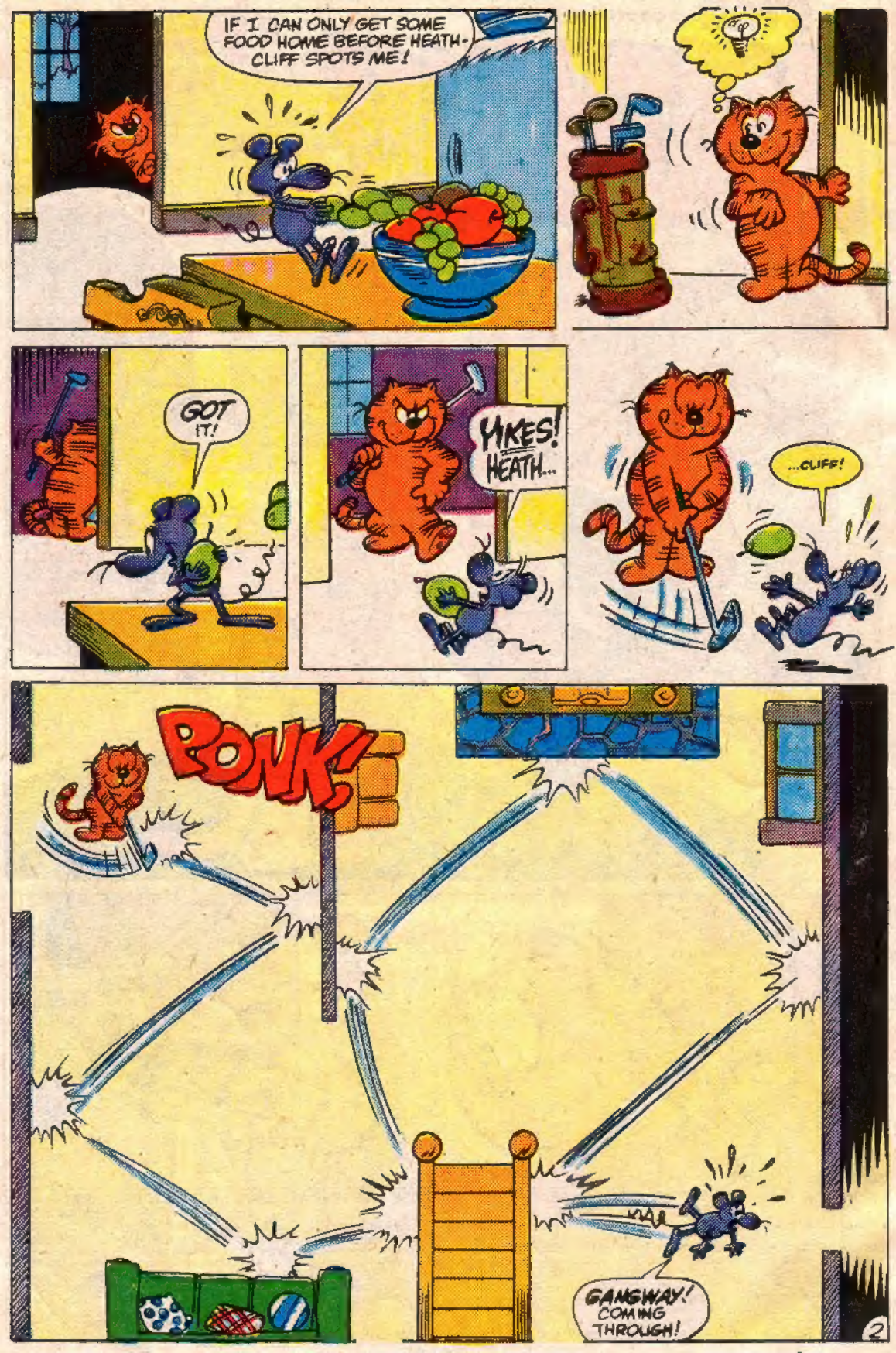
IF I CAN ONLY GET SOME FOOD HOME BEFORE HEATHCLIFF SPOTS ME!
GOT IT!
YIKES! HEATH...
...CLIFF!
BONK!
GANGWAY! COMING THROUGH!
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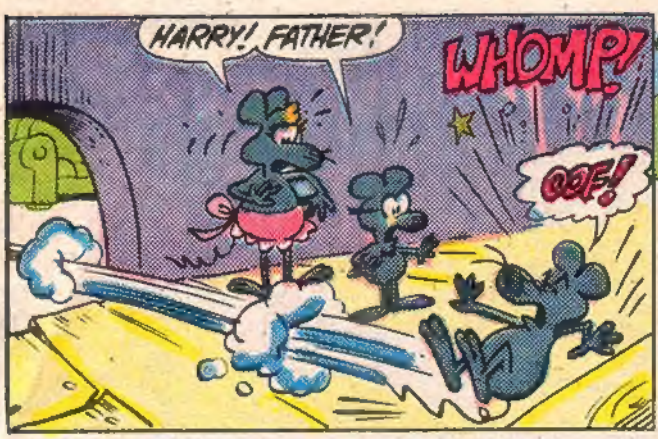
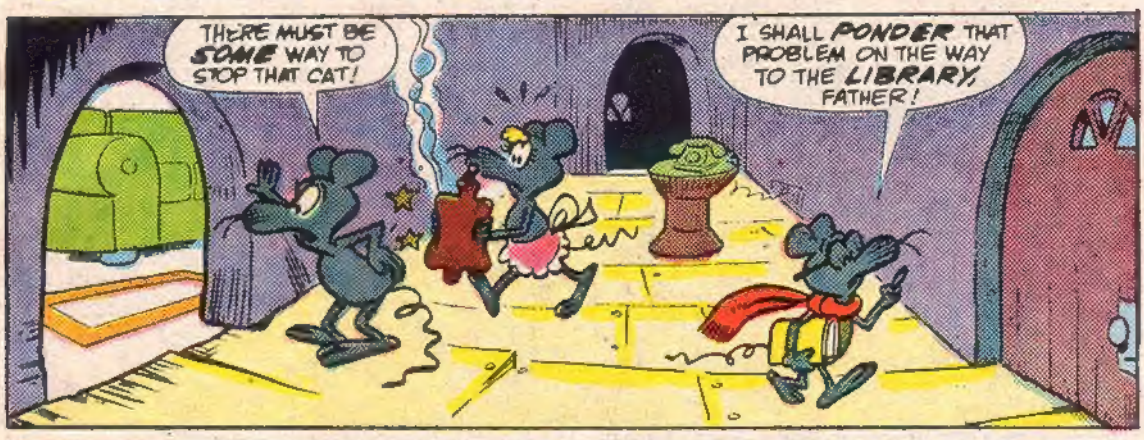
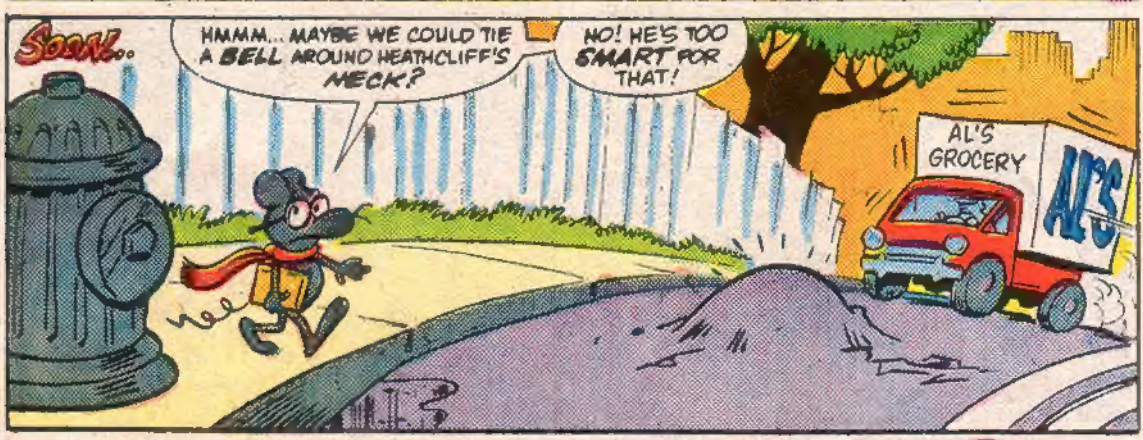
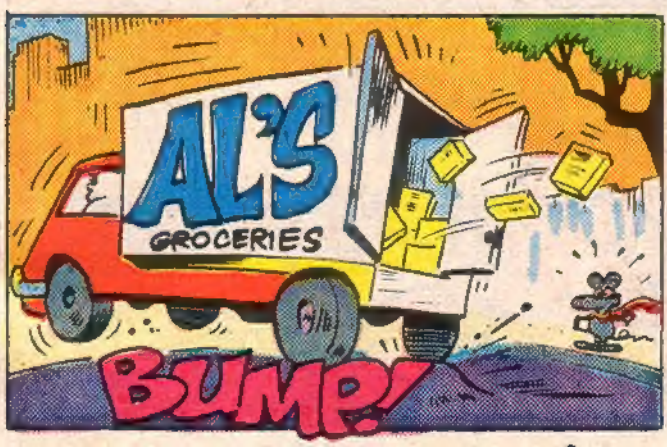
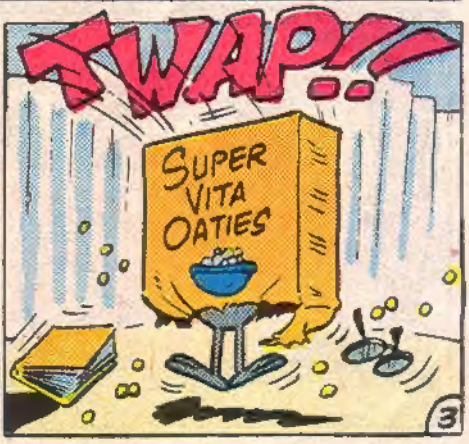

HARRY! FATHER!
WHOMP!
OOF!

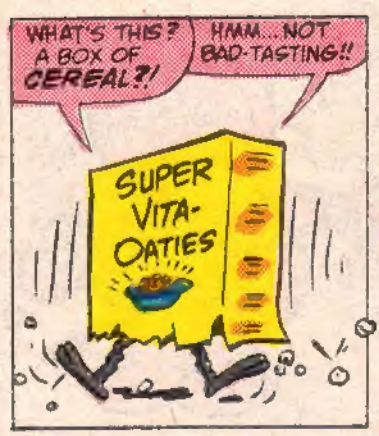
PAT
PAT

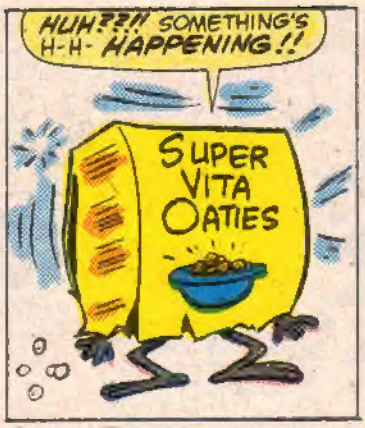

THERE MUST BE SOME WAY TO STOP THAT CAT!
I SHALL PONDER THAT PROBLEM ON THE WAY TO THE LIBRARY, FATHER!


SOON...
HMMM... MAYBE WE COULD TIE A BELL AROUND HEATHCLIFF'S NECK?
NO! HE'S TOO SMART FOR THAT!
AL'S GROCERY
AL'S


AL'S
GROCERIES
BUMP!


SWAP!!
SUPER VITA OATIES


WHAT'S THIS? A BOX OF CEREAL?!
HMM...NOT BAD-TASTING!!
SUPER VITA-OATIES


HUH?!?! SOMETHING'S H-H- HAPPENING!!
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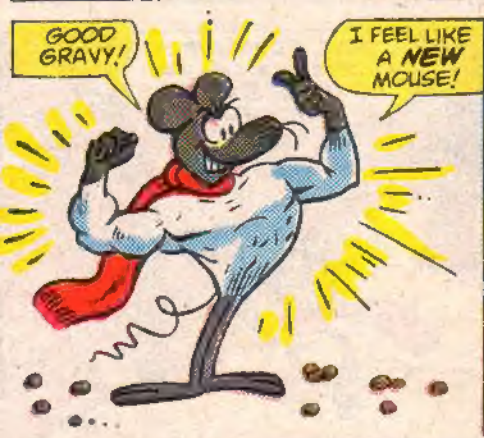
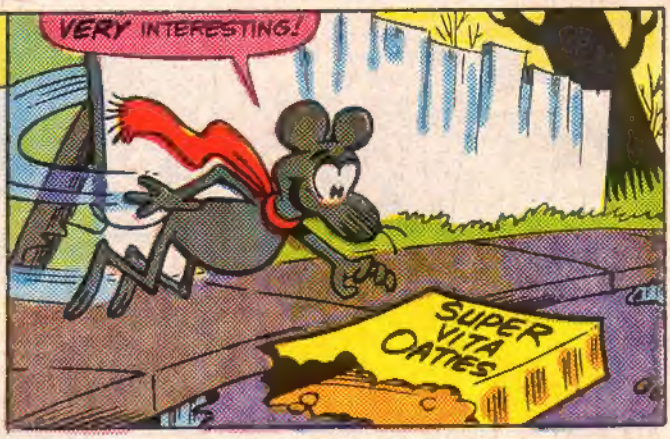
KA-BOOM!


GOOD GRAVY!
I FEEL LIKE A NEW MOUSE!


VERY INTERESTING!
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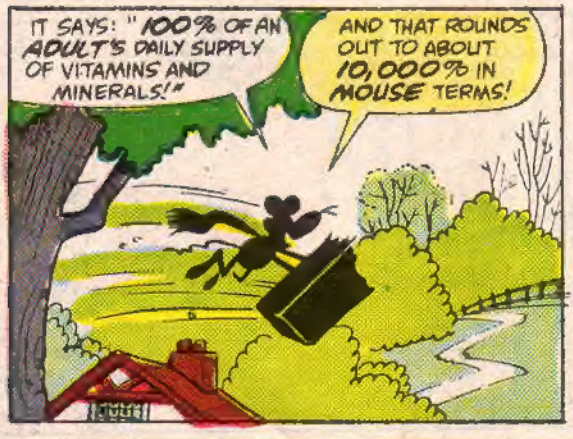
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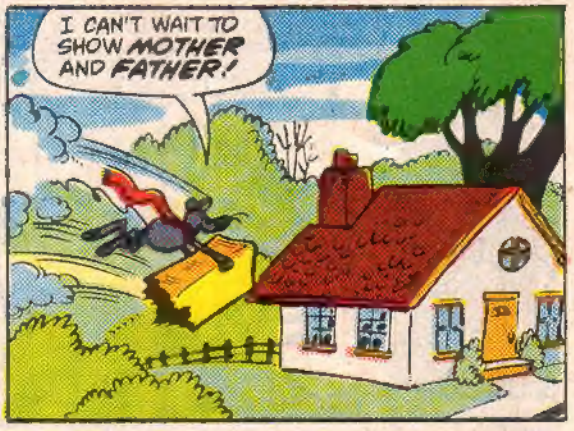
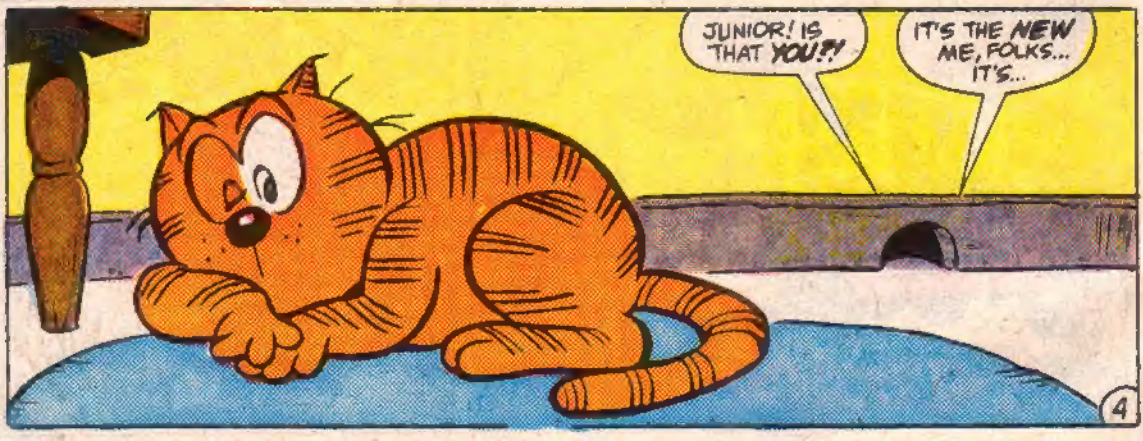

I CAN'T WAIT TO SHOW MOTHER AND FATHER!


JUNIOR! IS THAT YOU?!
IT'S THE NEW ME, FOLKS... IT'S...

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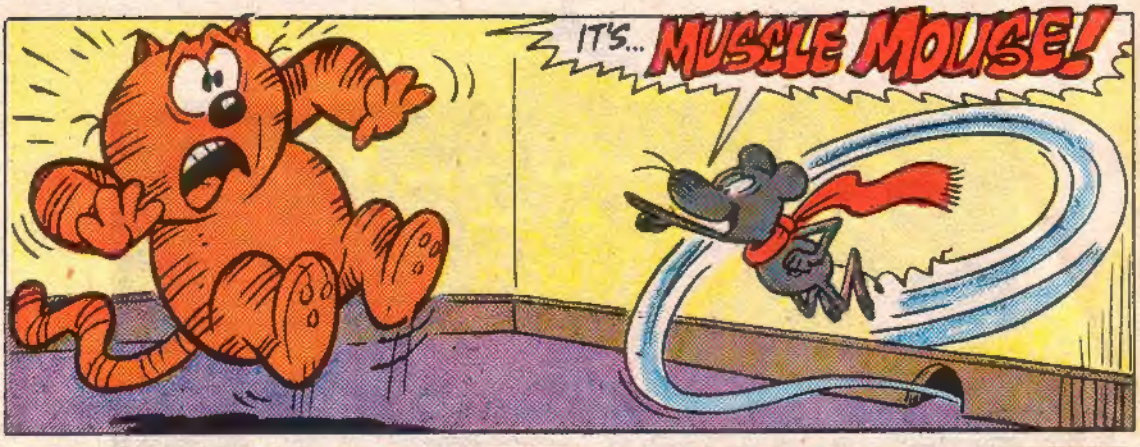
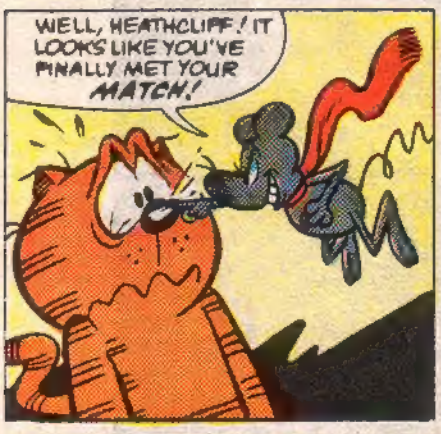
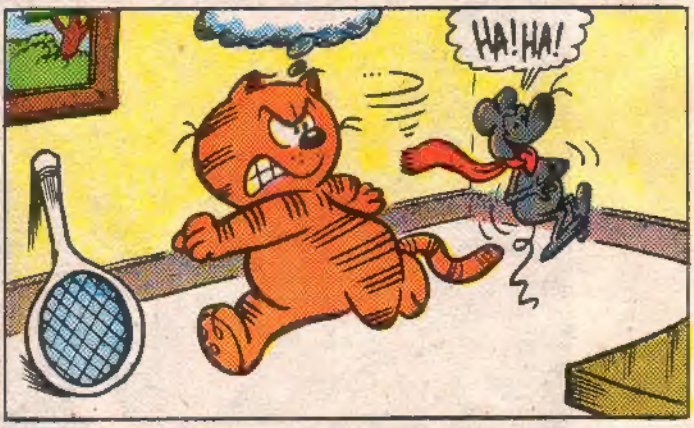
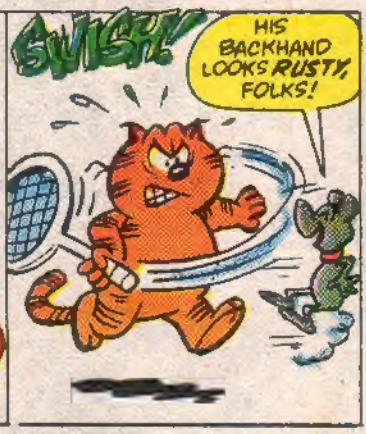
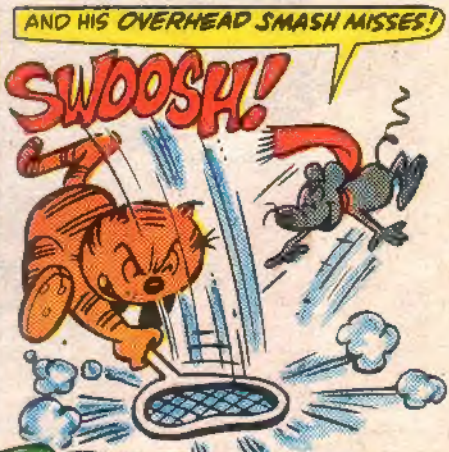

IT'S... MUSCLE MOUSE!

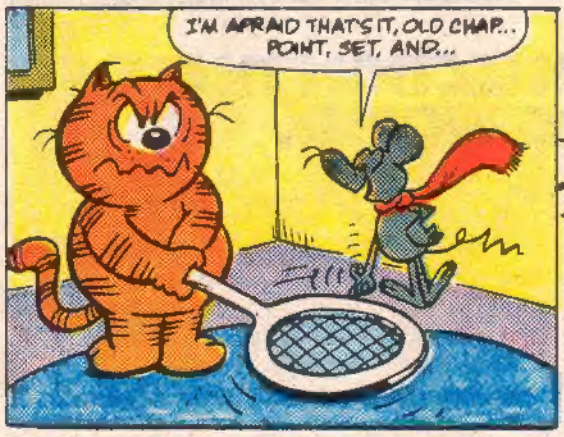

WELL, HEATHCLIFF! IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE FINALLY MET YOUR MATCH!

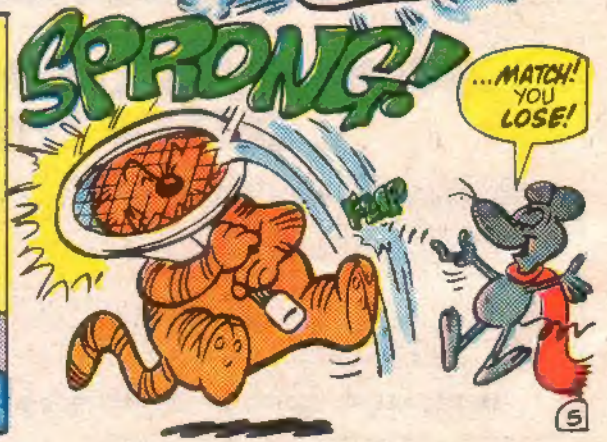

HA! HA!

OH! SO YOU WANT TO PLAY!!

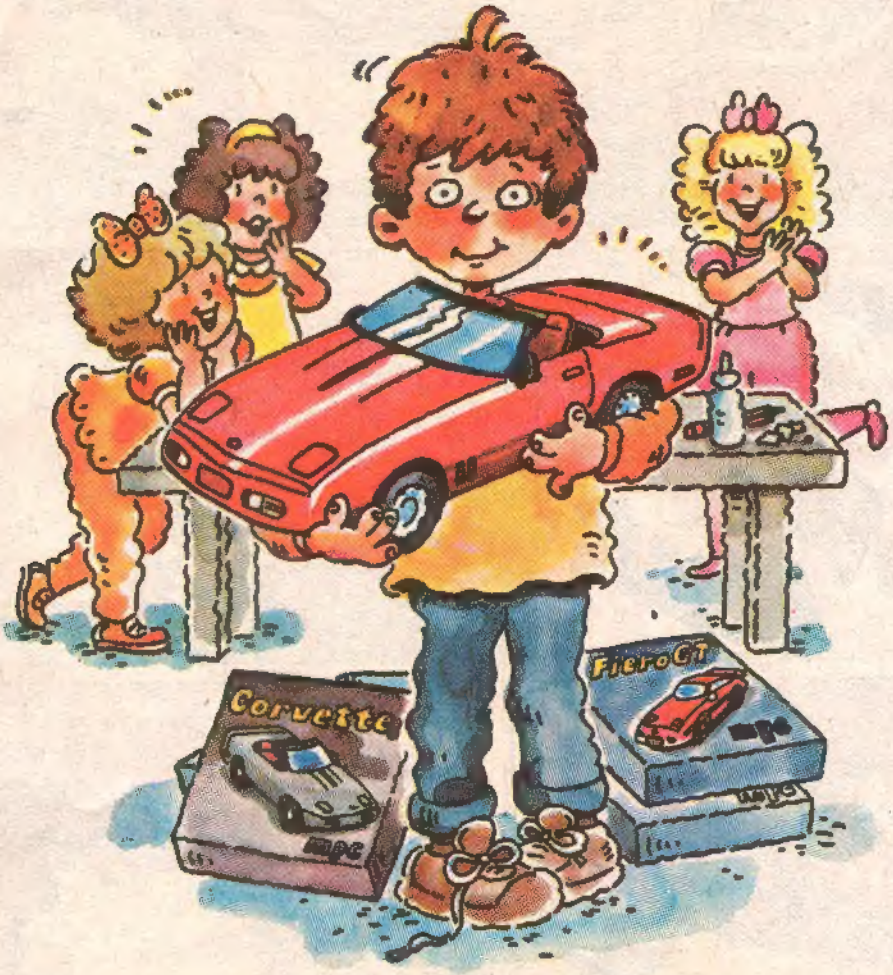

SWISH!
HIS BACKHAND LOOKS RUSTY, FOLKS!


AND HIS OVERHEAD SMASH MISSES!
SWOOSH!


I'M AFRAID THAT'S IT, OLD CHAP... POINT, SET, AND...


SPRONG!
...MATCH! YOU LOSE!

BODY BUILDER



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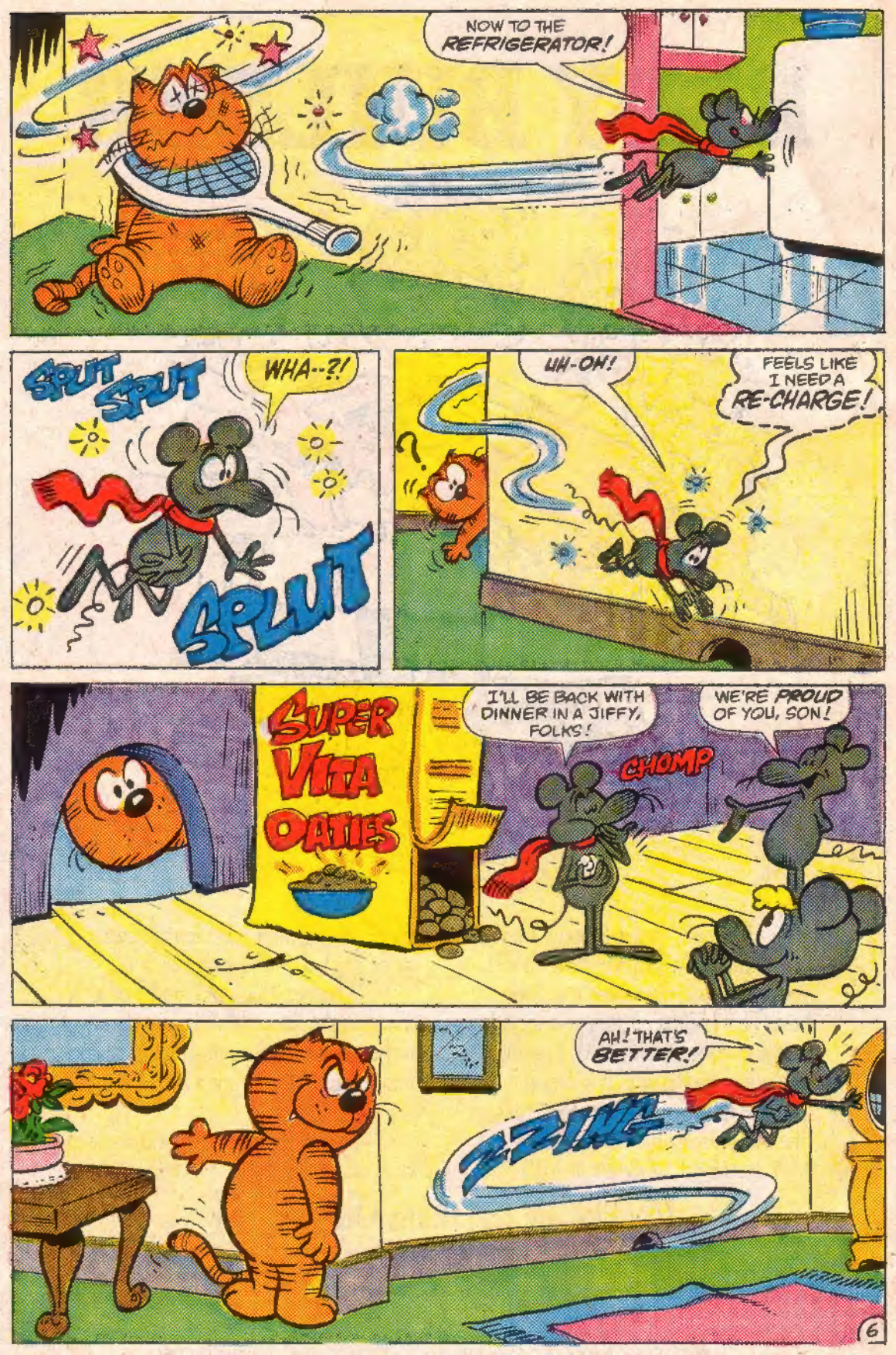
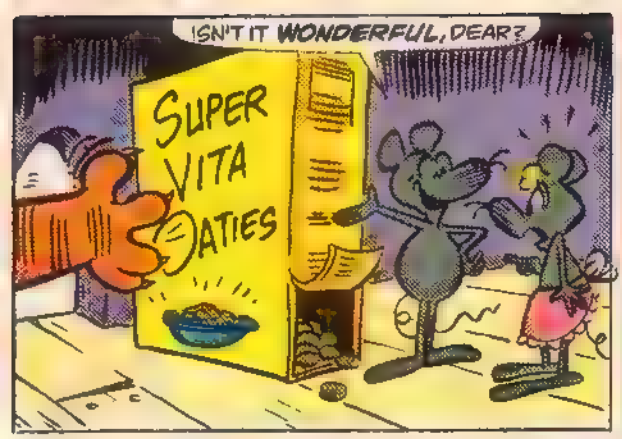
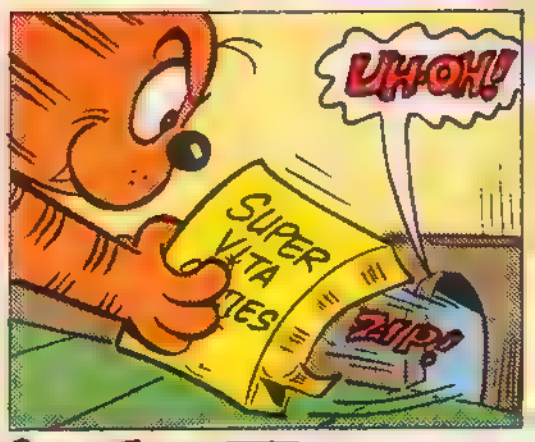
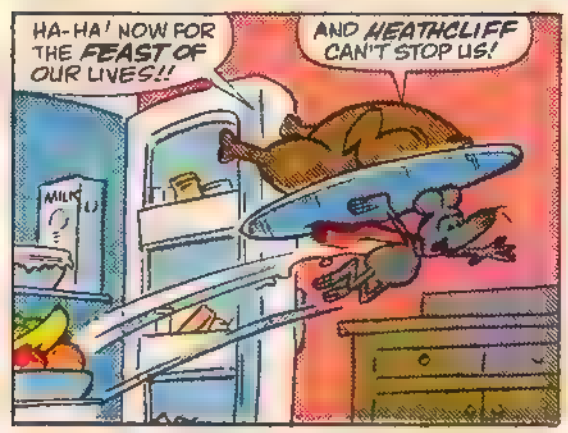
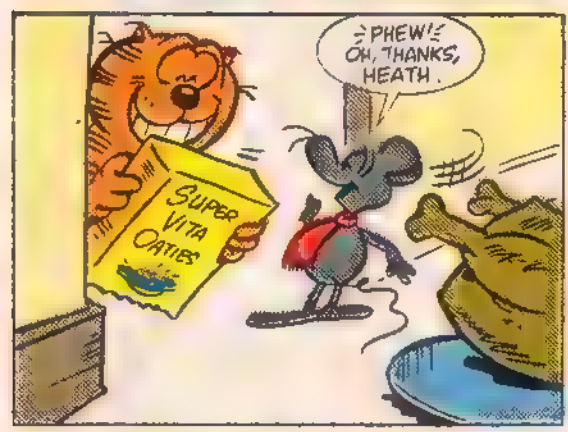

NOW TO THE REFRIGERATOR!
SPUT SPUT
WHA--?!
SPUT
UH-OH!
FEELS LIKE I NEED A RE-CHARGE!
SUPER VITA OATIES
I'LL BE BACK WITH DINNER IN A JIFFY, FOLKS!
CHOMP
WE'RE PROUD OF YOU, SON!
AH! THAT'S BETTER!
ZZING

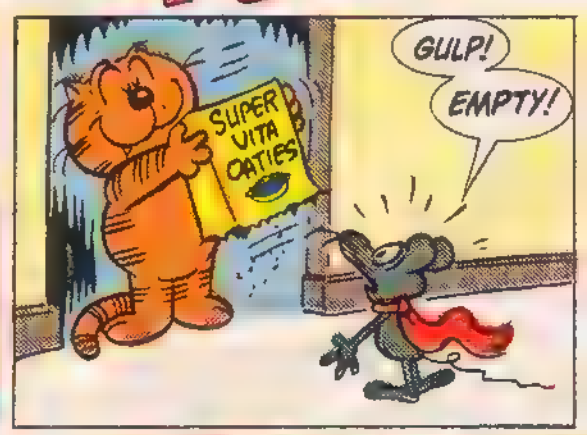

ISN'T IT WONDERFUL, DEAR?
SUPER VITA OATIES


UH-OH!
SUPER VITA OATIES
ZAP!


HA-HA! NOW FOR THE FEAST OF OUR LIVES!!
AND HEATHCLIFF CAN'T STOP US!
MILK

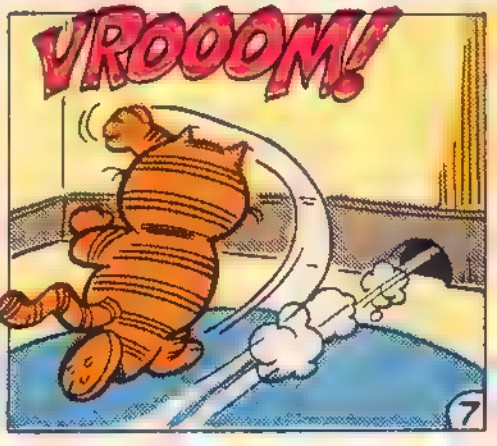
SPUT...
WHOOPS! NEED MORE CEREAL!
SPUT...
SPUTT...

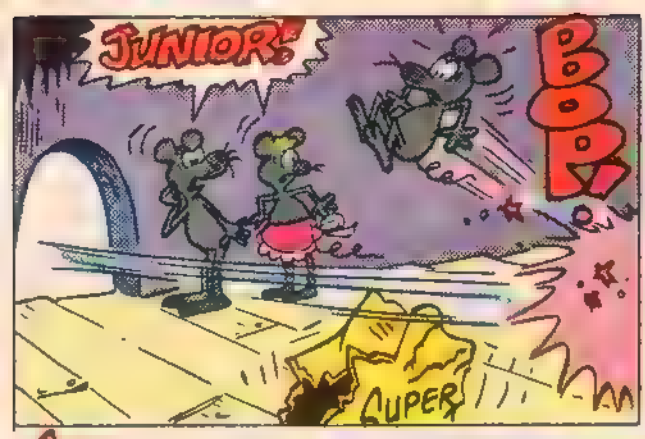

PHEW!
OH, THANKS, HEATH.
SUPER VITA OATIES

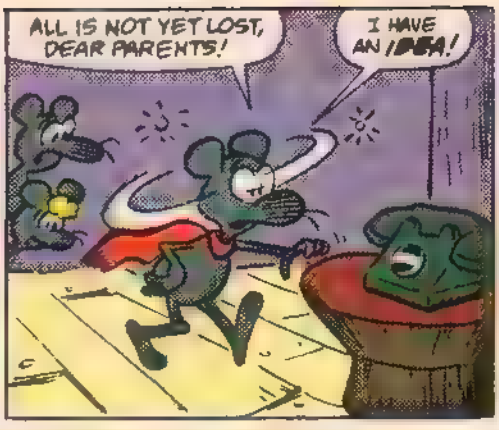

GULP!
EMPTY!
SUPER VITA OATIES

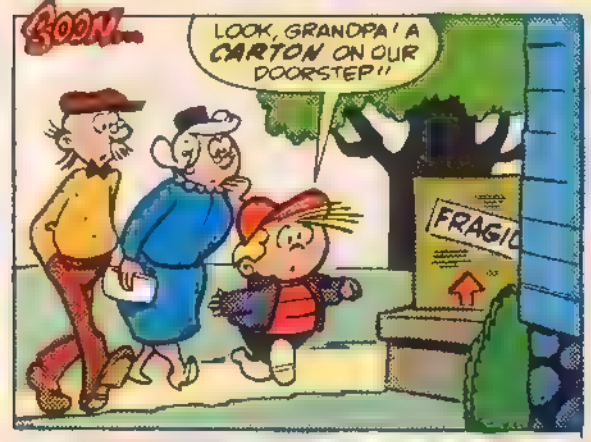
SUPER VITA OATIES

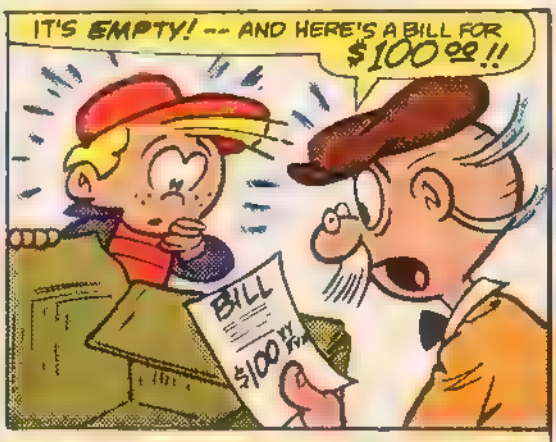
SCRUNCH!

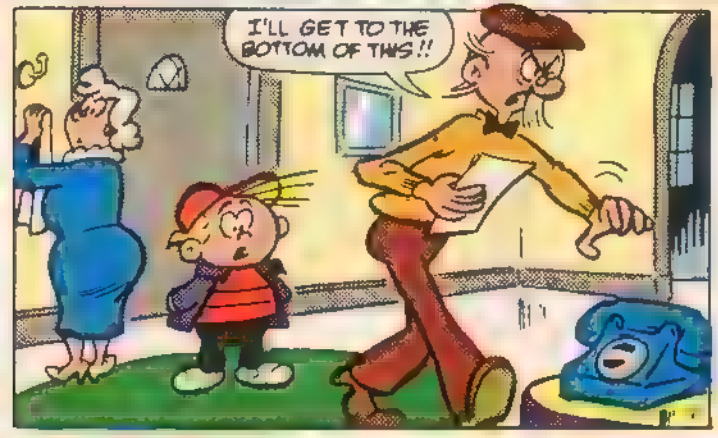

VROOOM!

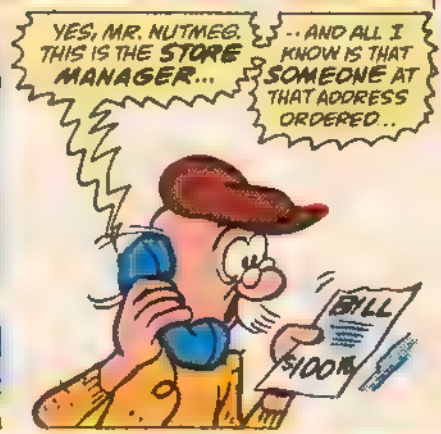

JUNIOR!
BOOP!
SUPER


ALL IS NOT YET LOST, DEAR PARENTS!
I HAVE AN IDEA!


SOON...
LOOK, GRANDPA! A CARTON ON OUR DOORSTEP!!
FRAGIL


IT'S EMPTY! -- AND HERE'S A BILL FOR $100.00!!
BILL
$100.00


I'LL GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS!!


YES, MR. NUTMEG. THIS IS THE STORE MANAGER...
..AND ALL I KNOW IS THAT SOMEONE AT THAT ADDRESS ORDERED...
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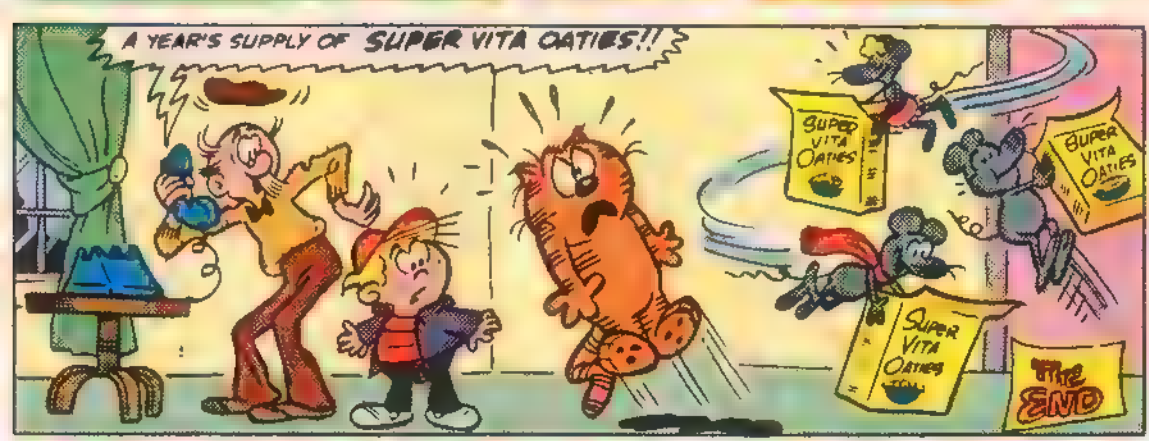
A YEAR'S SUPPLY OF SUPER VITA OATIES!!
SUPER VITA OATIES
SUPER VITA OATIES
SUPER VITA OATIES
THE END

HEATHCLIFF

"WATCH THE Birdie"

YOU'RE IN CHARGE SMITH WHILE I MAKE THE PICK UP AT THE WILDLIFE CLINIC!

RIGHT BOSS! I'LL KEEP THE BIRD WATCHERS UNDER CONTROL!

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RUSTLE! RUSTLE!

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BONK!

KEEP HEATHCLIFF OUT!

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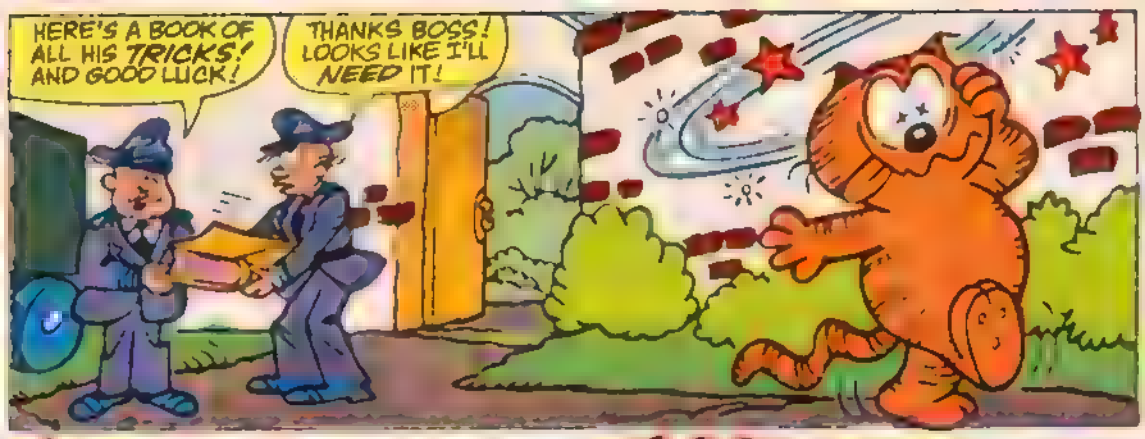
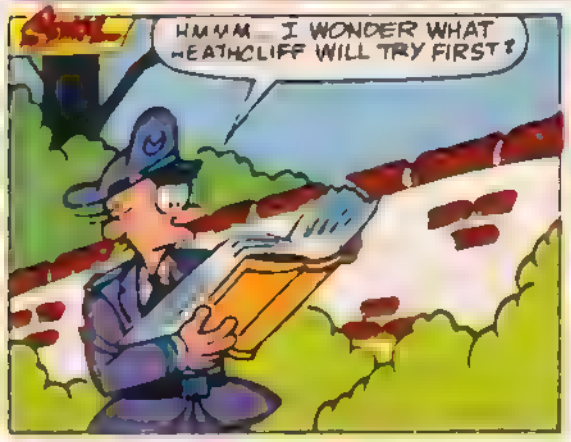

HERE'S A BOOK OF ALL HIS TRICKS! AND GOOD LUCK!
THANKS BOSS! LOOKS LIKE I'LL NEED IT!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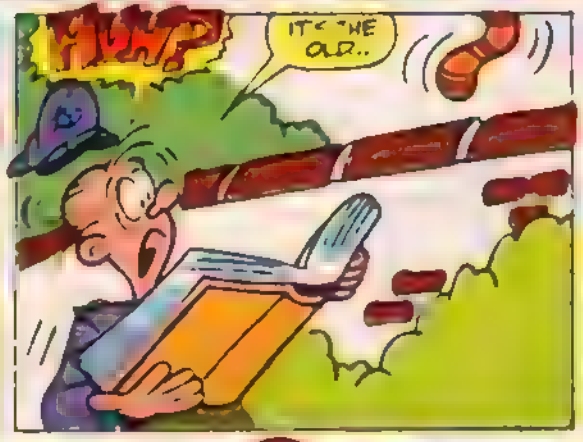
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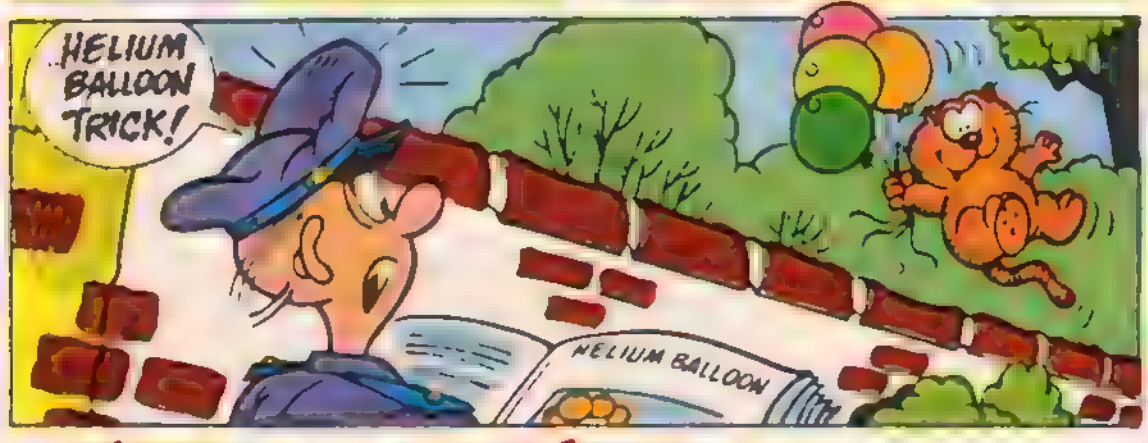
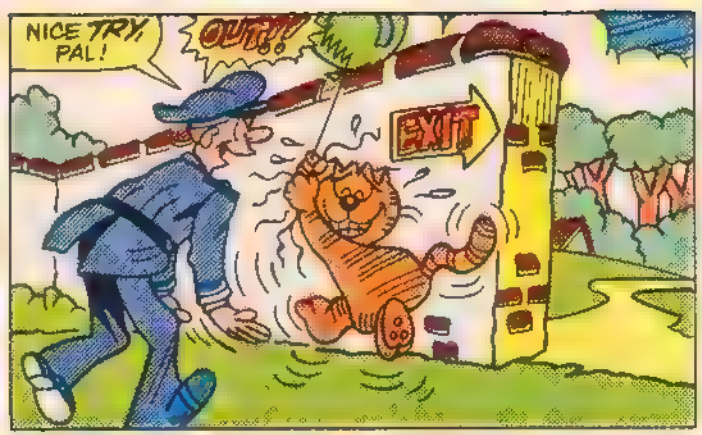

..HELIUM BALLOON TRICK!
HELIUM BALLOON

POP!

PFFFT! PFFFT! PFFFT!

POP!
POP!


NICE TRY, PAL!
OUTTA!
EXIT

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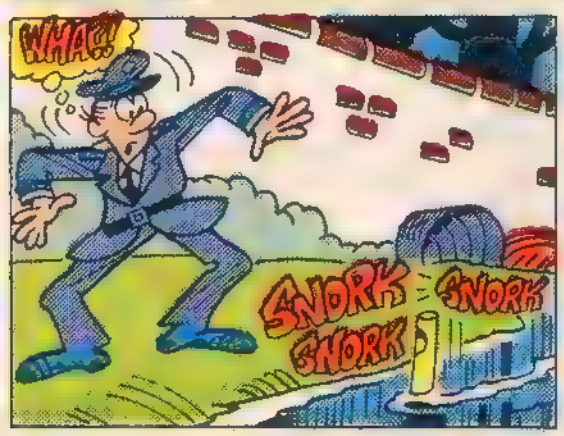
NOW WHERE WILL HE STRIKE NEXT?!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SNORK
SNORK
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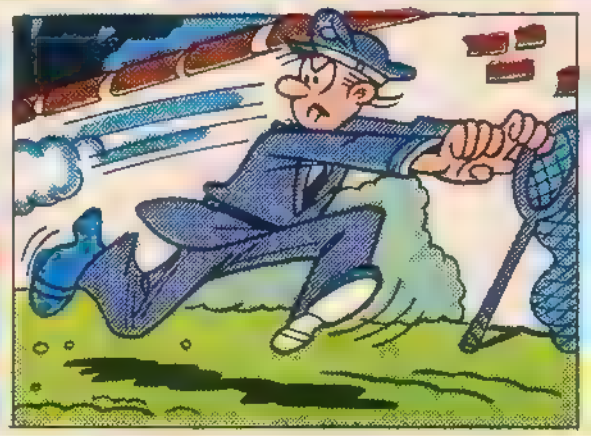

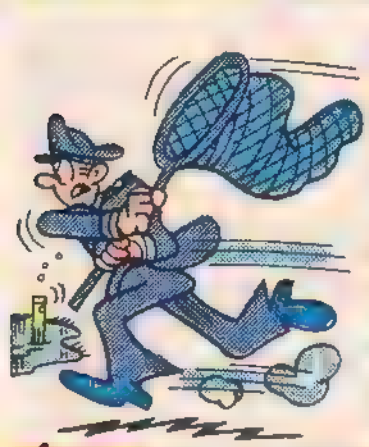

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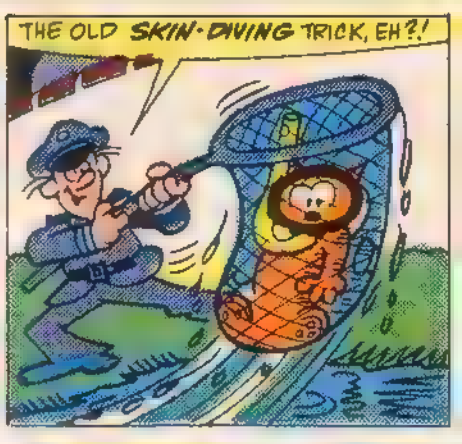
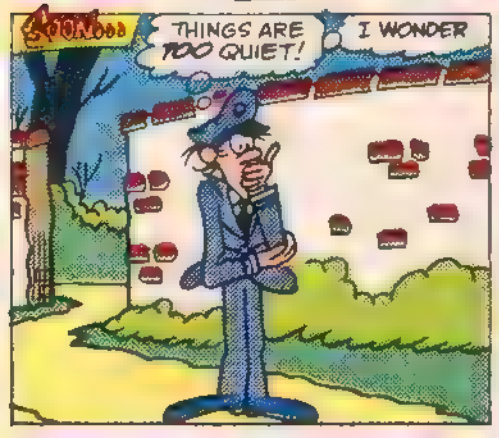
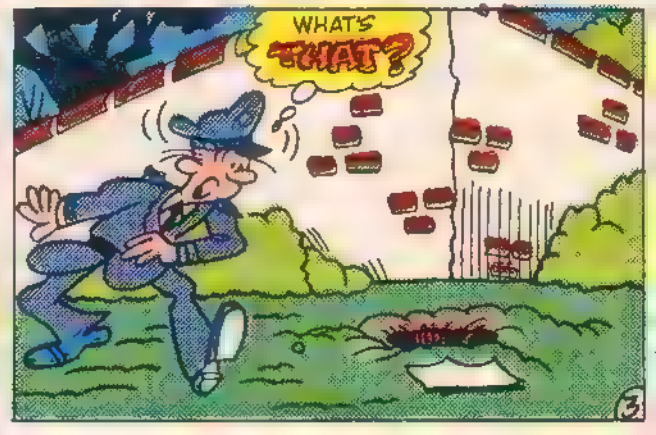

THE OLD SKIN-DIVING TRICK, EH?!


SNORK
THINGS ARE TOO QUIET!
I WONDER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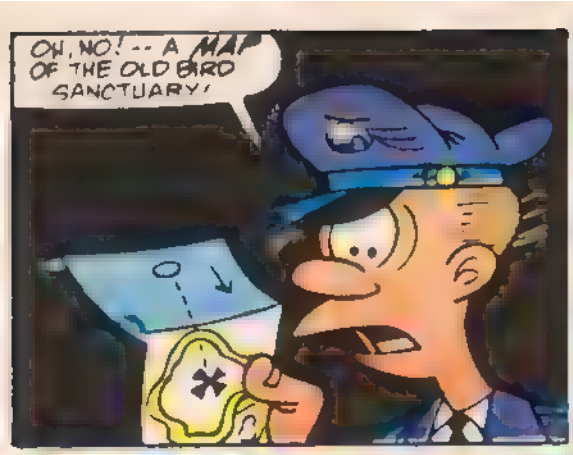
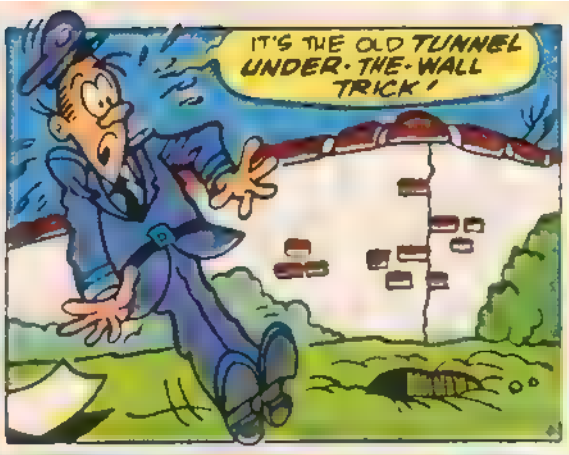
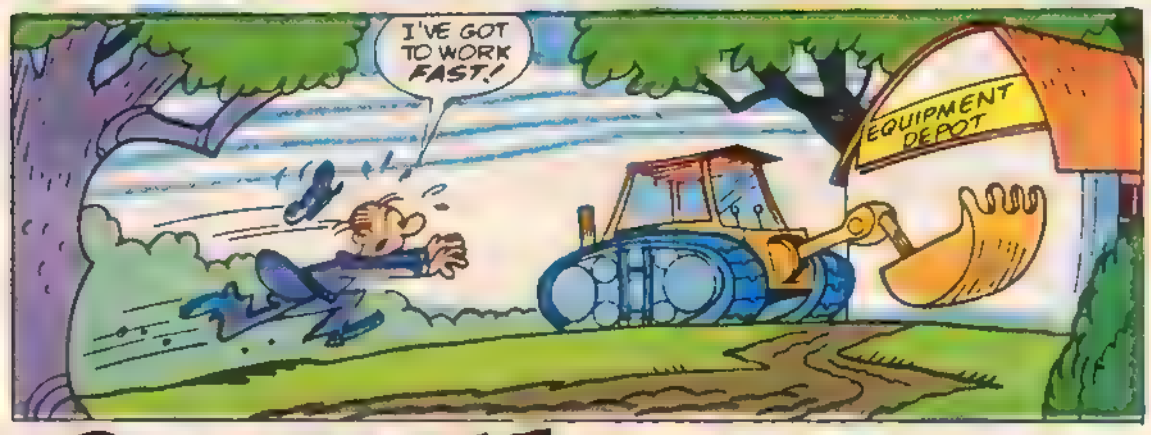
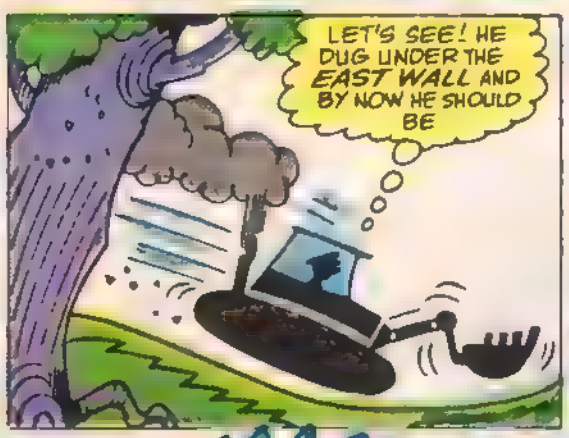
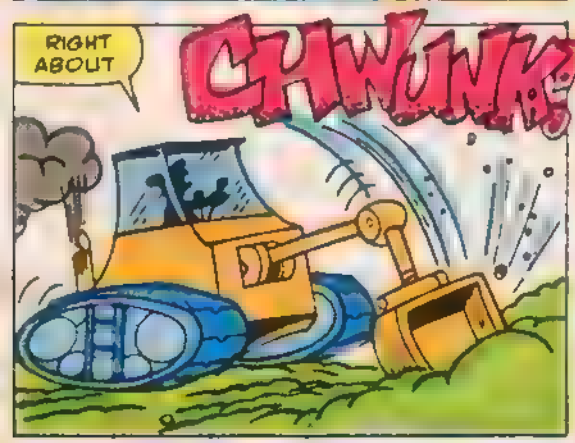

OH, NO! -- A MAP OF THE OLD BIRD SANCTUARY!

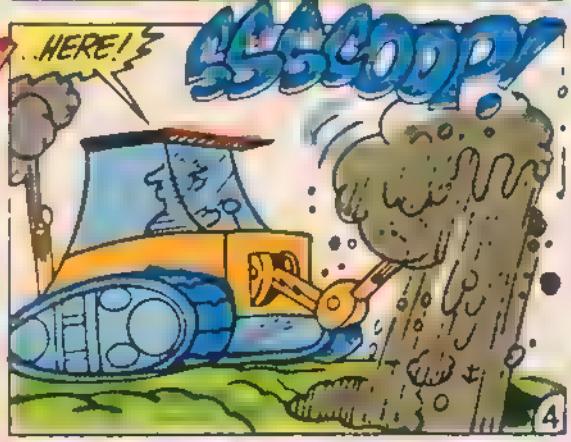

IT'S THE OLD TUNNEL UNDER-THE-WALL TRICK!


I'VE GOT TO WORK FAST!
EQUIPMENT DEPOT

VAROOM!


LET'S SEE! HE DUG UNDER THE EAST WALL AND BY NOW HE SHOULD BE


RIGHT ABOUT
CHWUNK!


..HERE!
SSSCOOP!

WHIP, DRIBBLE, SPIN, RESCUE, DUCK, HURDLE, BOMBARD, SCREEN, ROLL, DIVE, PASS, EVADE, SPRINT, RAID, DUNK, HURL, LOOP, LEAP, CAPTURE, STAB, DEFEND, SHOOT, INVADE, BLAST, ESCAPE, ATTACK, JUMP, AND SWERVE.

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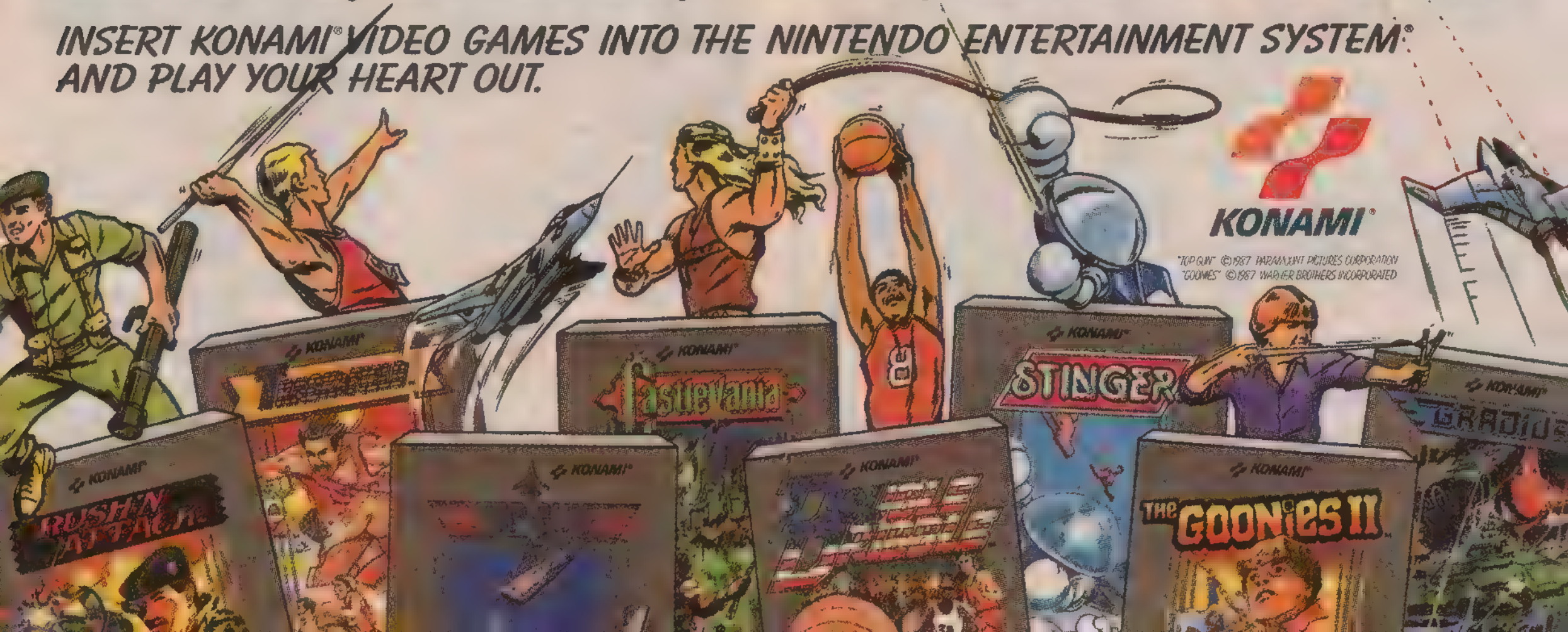
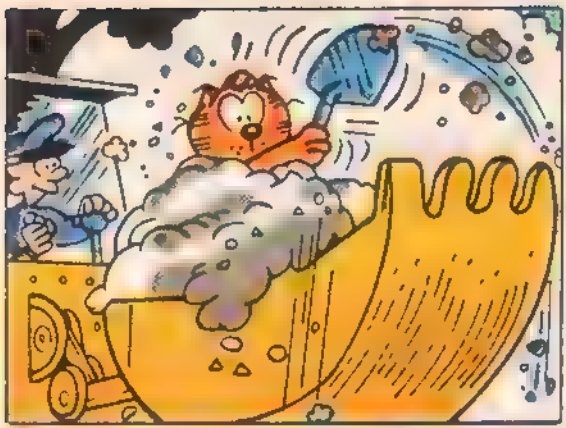
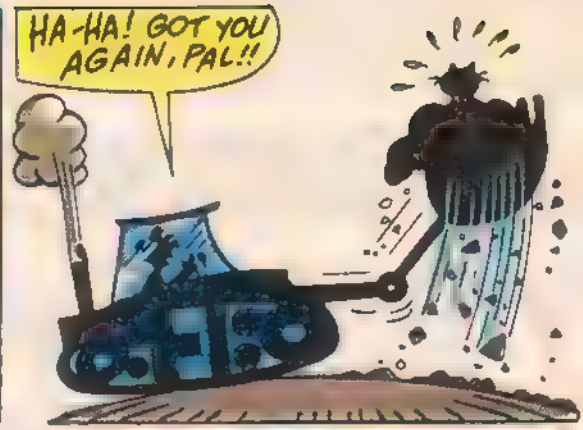
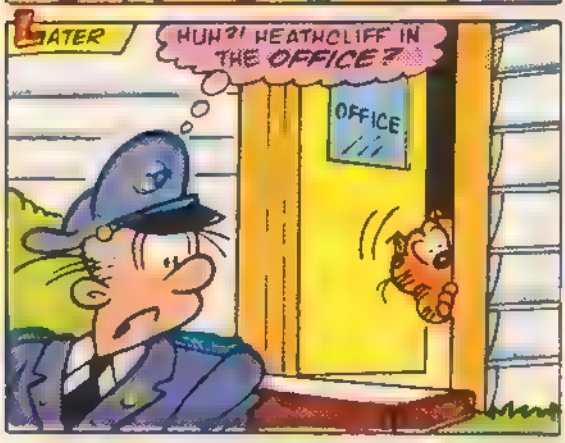
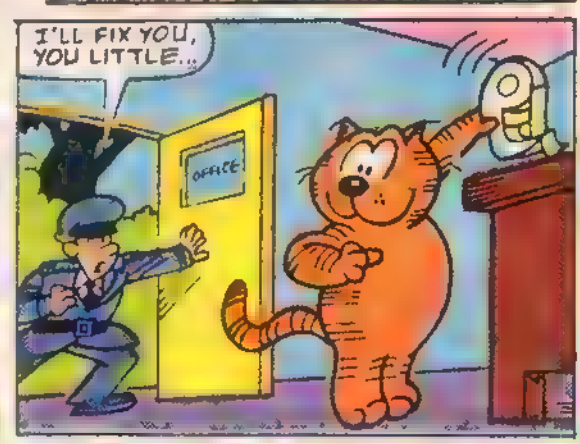





HA-HA! GOT YOU AGAIN, PAL!!


LATER
HUH?! HEATHCLIFF IN THE OFFICE?
OFFICE


I'LL FIX YOU, YOU LITTLE...
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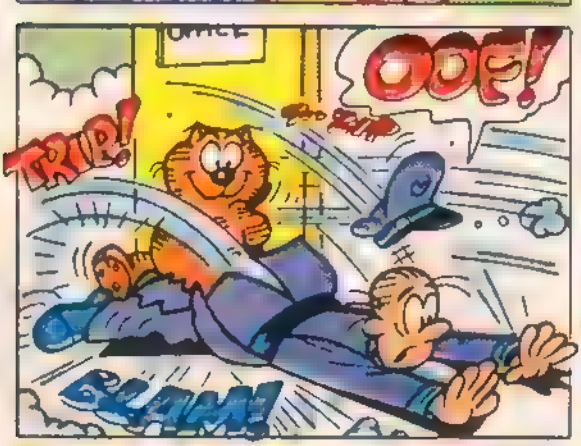
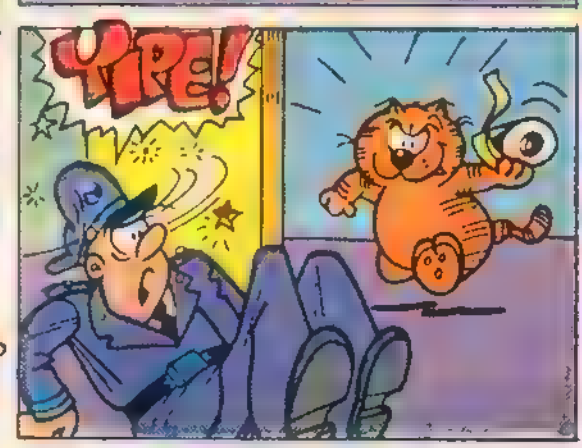

OOF!
TRIP!
BLAM!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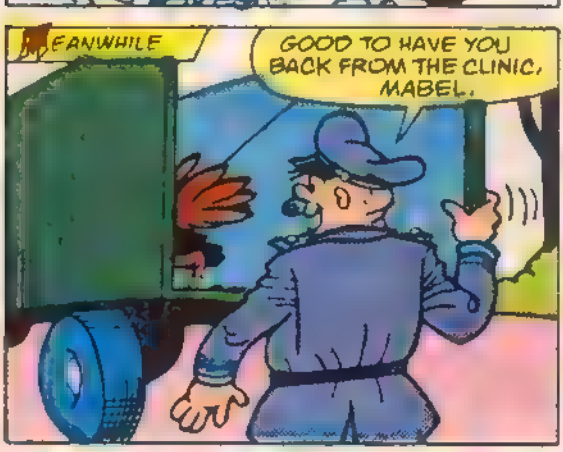
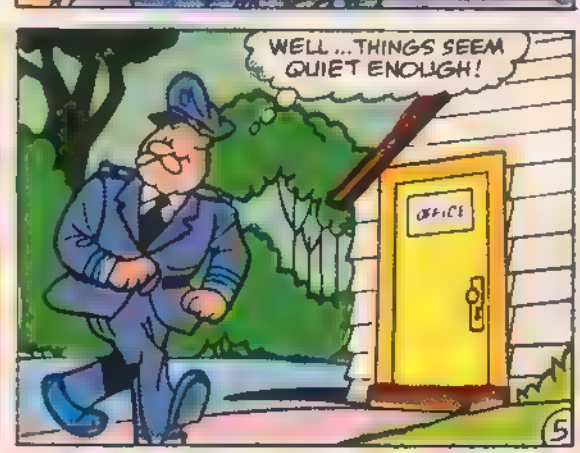

MEANWHILE
GOOD TO HAVE YOU BACK FROM THE CLINIC, MABEL.


WELL...THINGS SEEM QUIET ENOUGH!
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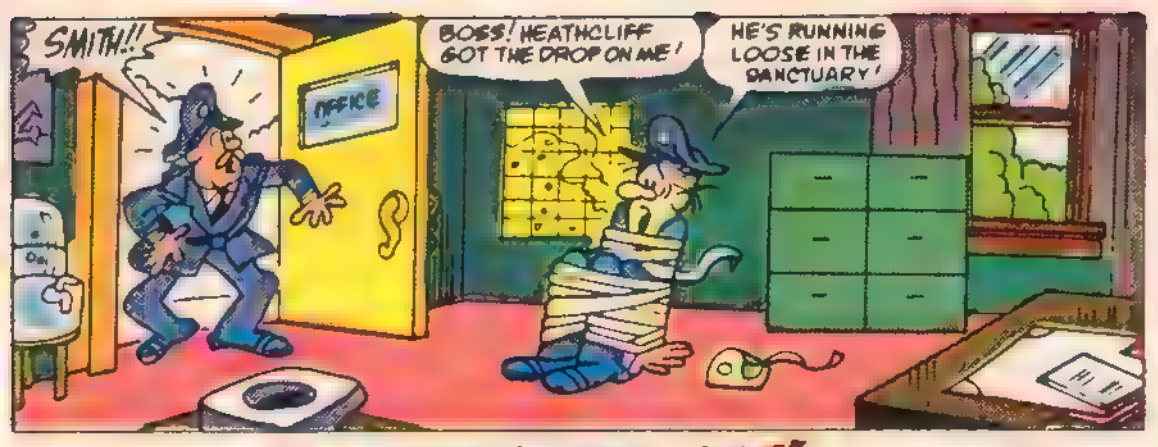
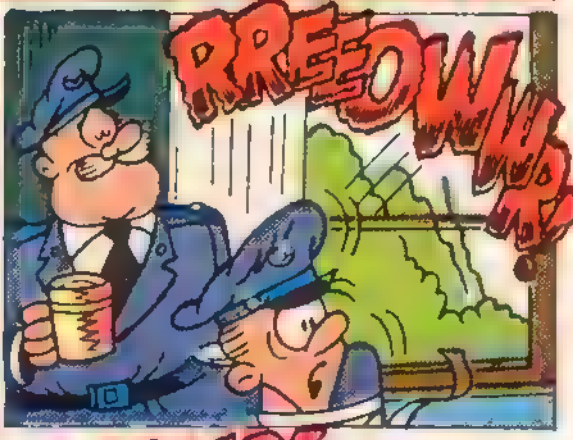

SMITH!!
OFFICE
BOSS! HEATHCLIFF GOT THE DROP ON ME!
HE'S RUNNING LOOSE IN THE SANCTUARY!

WELL I COULD SURE LIKE A CUP OF COFFEE!
WHAT?!
.. AND LEAVE THE BIRD SANCTUARY UNGUARDED?

NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT HEATHCLIFF, SMITH!
HUH?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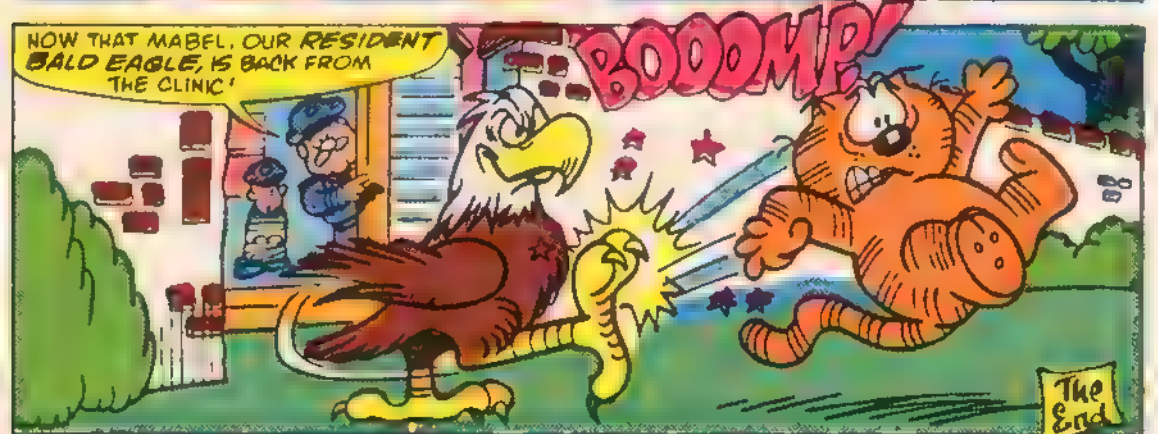
NOW THAT MABEL, OUR RESIDENT BALD EAGLE, IS BACK FROM THE CLINIC!
BOOOMP!
The End

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HEATHCLIFF'S LITTER BOX

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Dear Mister Heathcliff,

I am 14 years old. I love all cats and love you the most. I read all your books and love all the stories.

I think your girlfriend is so cute that if you break up with her I have a beautiful cat who will take her off your hands. He's looking for someone special, so let me know, okay?

Keep up the good work!

Chuck Poulter
Virginia Beach, VA

O-ho! You sweet-talk a cat with flowery words an't compliments, while all the time you're *really* trying to grab his girl behind his back, eh, Chuck? Well, it won't work!! Sonja and Heathcliff are a solid couple—so solid, that we know when we show her this letter, she will *never* be tempted to visit Virginia Beach. She stands by her man. . . or, cat! Right, Sonja? . . .Sonja?

Dear STAR

About the STAR comics poster idea—are you going to do it? If you do come out with posters, please tell me about it.

Now, let's get some serious fooling around done. Could you put me in a HEATHCLIFF or HEATHCLIFF'S FUNHOUSE comic? I think I can put up with Heathcliff because I have to put up with 2 cats myself!

Kyle Carrozza
Catskill, NY

It's very interesting that you have the patience and love to put up with two cats yourself, Kyle, but Grandpa Nutmeg wants to know *if yours are rowdy*, garbage-dumping, dog-fighting, fish-stealing troublemakers! He doesn't think so. There's only one Heathcliff—and one's plenty, thanks!

Dear HEATHCLIFF,

You are my favorite comic character in the world. I love your comics. I really like it when Grandpa gets mad. I wish you had more of your girlfriend Sonja in your comics.

Samuel McCree
Columbus, MS

More Sonja? (Sigh!) Heathcliff wishes he could see more of her too, Samuel. The last time he saw her, she was saying something about a bus to Virginia Beach. . .

Dear STAR Comics,

I really enjoy reading your comics, especially HEATHCLIFF and HEATHCLIFF'S FUNHOUSE. I buy each of them as soon as they come out! They're funny, and they give me a chance to try out my cartooning skills. Someday I hope to draw a cartoon as famous as HEATHCLIFF but that won't be for a long time, for I am only thirteen.

Bruce Johnson
(no address)

You've got plenty of time, Bruce, and a ton of talent—with that combination, plus a lot of work, you may just reach your goal!

Dear HEATHCLIFF,

I've really enjoyed your comic books and I hope the people at STAR keep up the good work! I'm 13 and I have loved Heathcliff ever since he came out. I think he's better than any other cat! You should put Heathcliff's nephew's in the limited series (if you have one).

Heathcliff, keep getting into trouble and keep after Sonja!

Matt Lomax
(no address)

Heathcliff *is* keeping after her, Matt, believe us! In fact, his train left just ten minutes ago. Virginia Beach seems to be quite a tourist attraction these days!

Dear STAR,

I love your comics, and my favorite is HEATHCLIFF. You have ace artists and cartoonists. I have 21 of his comics and all of the FUNHOUSES. I also have eight issues of CARE BEARS, seven of MUPPET BABIES, six of TOP DOG, five of MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE, three of BULLWINKLE & ROCKY, two of MADBALLS, and one HEATHCLIFF ANNUAL.

Darren Comeau
Morinville, Alberta
CANADA

. .and a par-tri-idge in a pear tree! Heh. Sorry, couldn't resist, Darren. Keep reading, though—there's lots more fun ahead in all our books!

Dear HEATHCLIFF,

I am 10 years old, and my name is Jonathan Mack Cheatwood. I wrote you to let you know how much I like reading your comics. I just started reading comics. The book I just finished reading was yours! I liked it so much, I'm going to buy some more!

Jonathan Cheatwood
Carrollton, GA

Thanks, Jonathan—that's the kind of news we're always glad to hear! We'll get to work on the next issue right away, now that we know you're waiting for it. . . *and* now that Heathcliff and Sonja are both back and making goo-goo eyes at each other.

In the meantime, check out the subscription information in the back of this book. Wouldn't want you to miss a misadventure or lose a laugh!

Dear HEATHCLIFF

I really enjoy your comics. I wrote you a poem a few months back that was in your comics. Well, here is a new poem:

Heathcliff, Heathcliff,
He's so sick,
He always knows
Every little trick
He beats up Spike
With just a kick
Grandpa Nutmeg is always mad,
Because Heathcliff has never been had!

Melissa Rattenni
Prosperity, PA

One good poem deserves another, Melissa:

Heathcliff sends his thanks with charm,
Now that he's back in Sonja's arms!
He hopes that all of you feel better—
And send him soon another letter!

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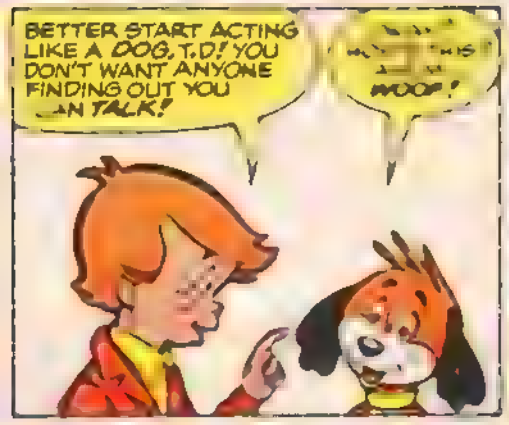
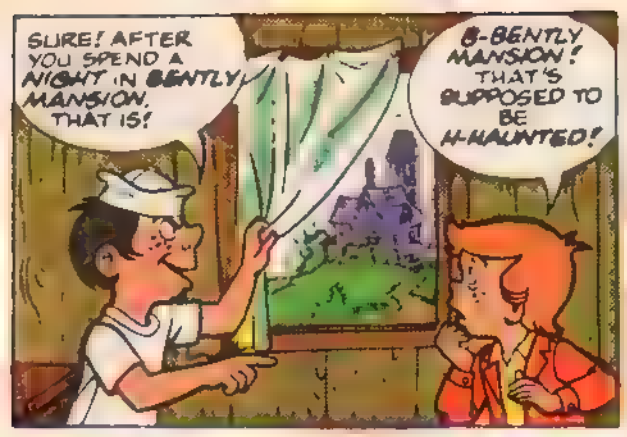
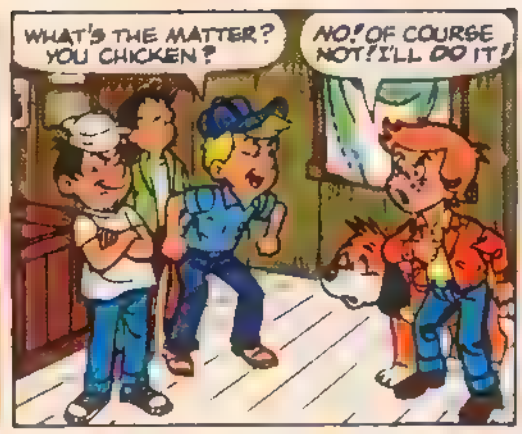
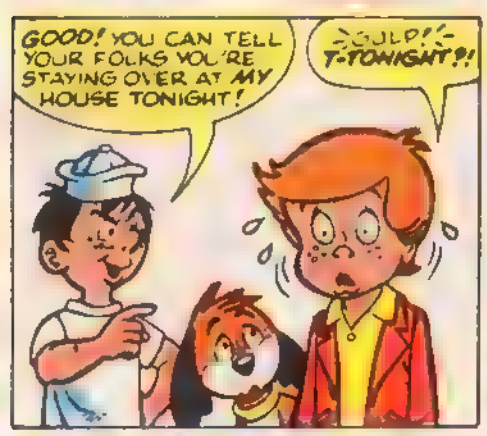
TOP DOG

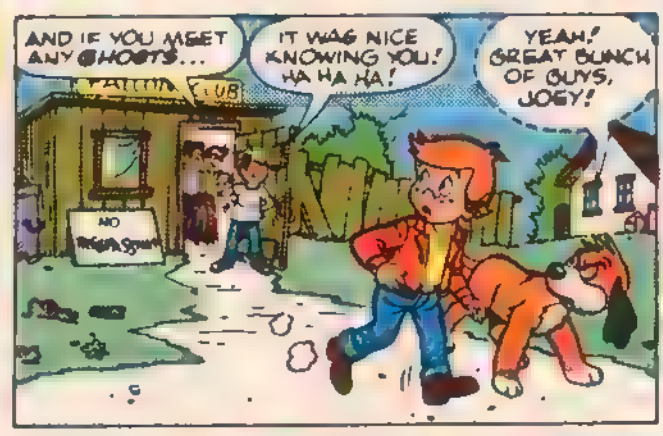
GHOST OF A CHANCE

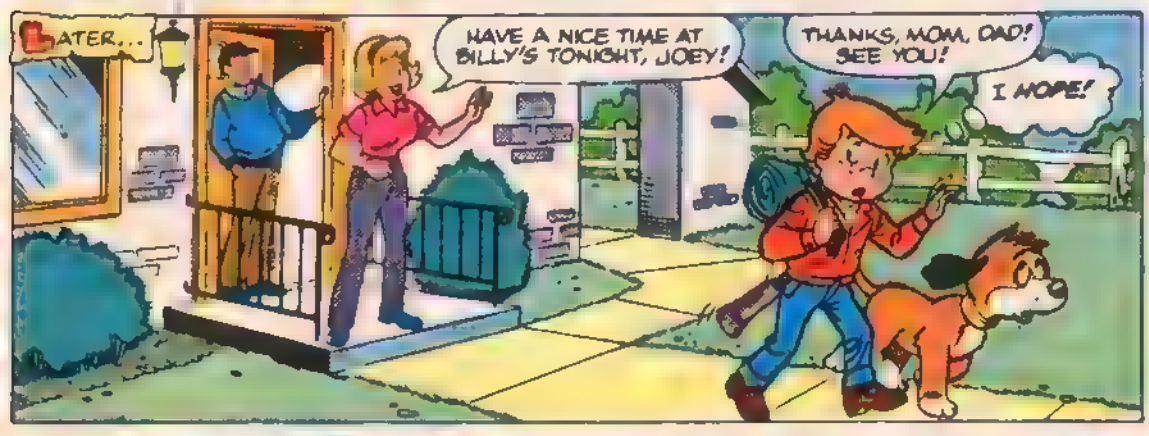


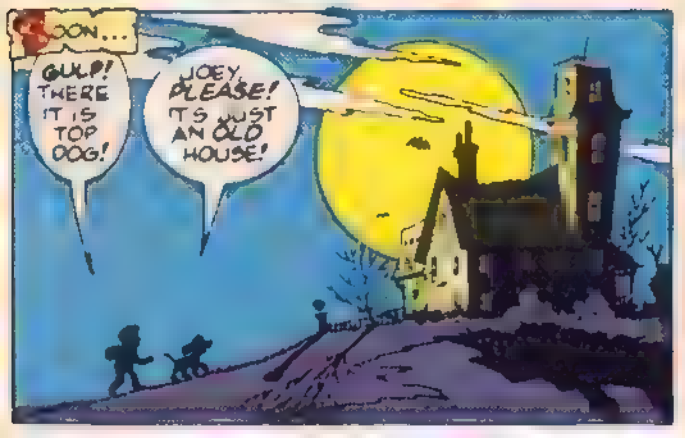

SURE! AFTER YOU SPEND A NIGHT IN BENTLY MANSION, THAT IS!
B-BENTLY MANSION! THAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE H-HAUNTED!

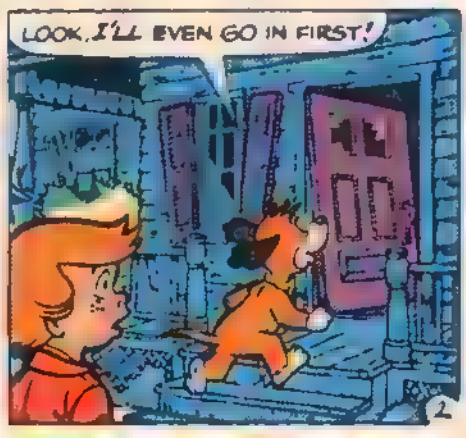

WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU CHICKEN?
NO! OF COURSE NOT! I'LL DO IT!

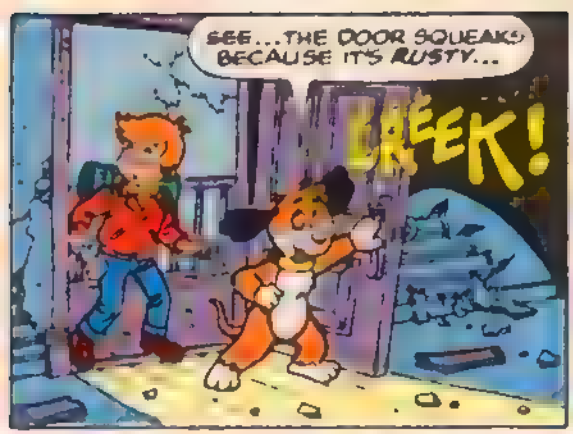

GOOD! YOU CAN TELL YOUR FOLKS YOU'RE STAYING OVER AT MY HOUSE TONIGHT!
GULP!-- T-TONIGHT?!

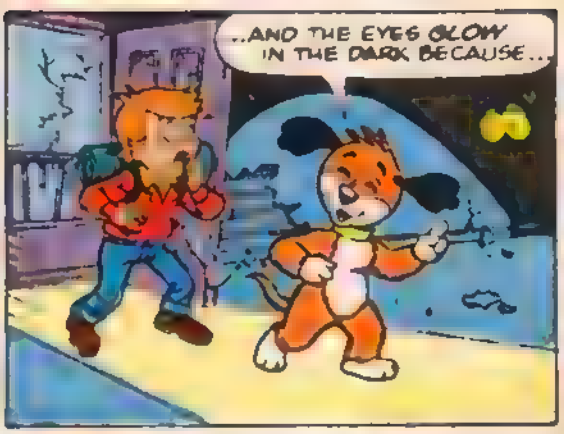

AND IF YOU MEET ANY GHOSTS...
IT WAS NICE KNOWING YOU! HA HA HA!
YEAH! GREAT BUNCH OF GUYS, JOEY!

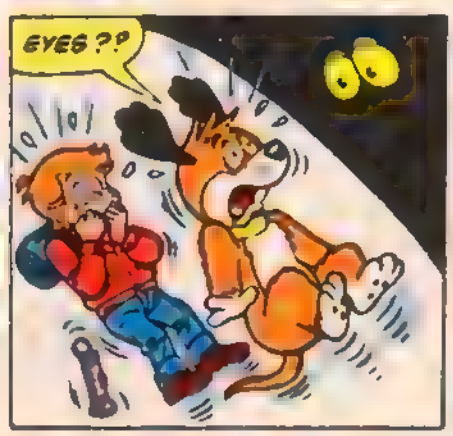

LATER...
HAVE A NICE TIME AT BILLY'S TONIGHT, JOEY!
THANKS, MOM, DAD! SEE YOU!
I HOPE!


SOON...
GULP! THERE IT IS TOP DOG!
JOEY, PLEASE! IT'S JUST AN OLD HOUSE!


LOOK, I'LL EVEN GO IN FIRST!


SEE...THE DOOR SQUEAKS BECAUSE IT'S RUSTY...
CREEK!


..AND THE EYES GLOW IN THE DARK BECAUSE...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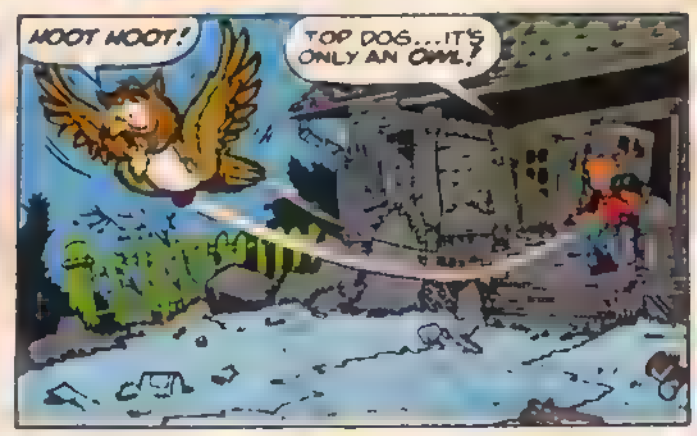
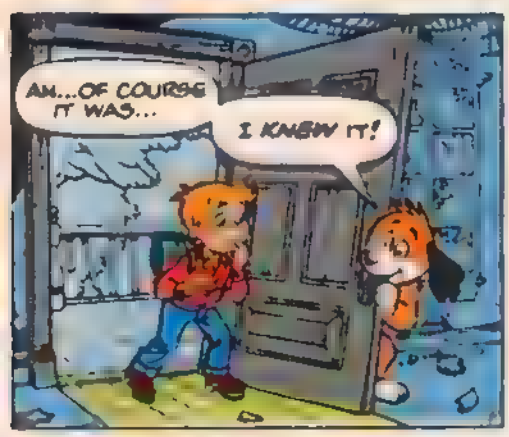
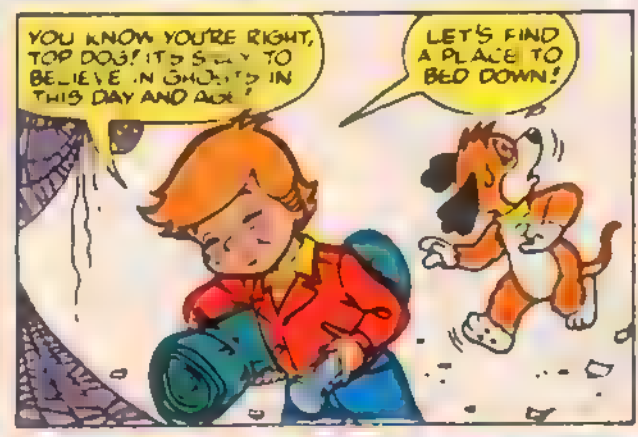
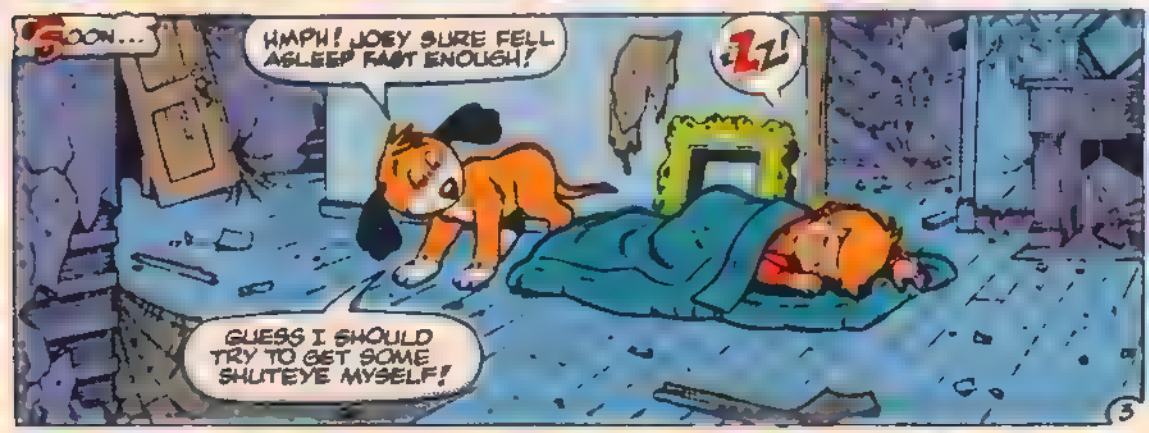
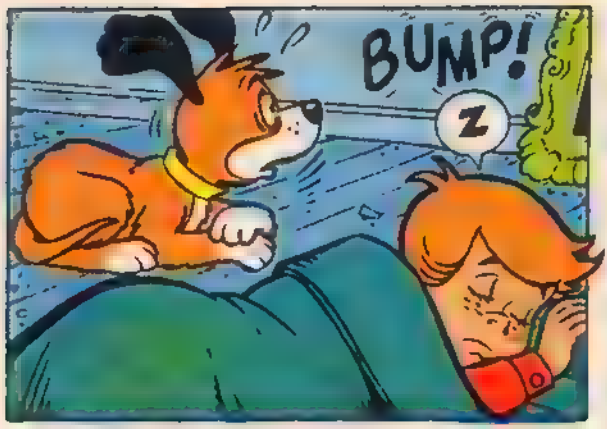

HOOT HOOT!
TOP DOG...IT'S ONLY AN OWL!


AH...OF COURSE IT WAS...
I KNEW IT!


YOU KNOW YOU'RE RIGHT, TOP DOG! IT'S SILLY TO BELIEVE IN GHOSTS IN THIS DAY AND AGE!
LET'S FIND A PLACE TO BED DOWN!


SOON...
HMPH! JOEY SURE FELL ASLEEP FAST ENOUGH!
ZZ
GUESS I SHOULD TRY TO GET SOME SHUTEYE MYSELF!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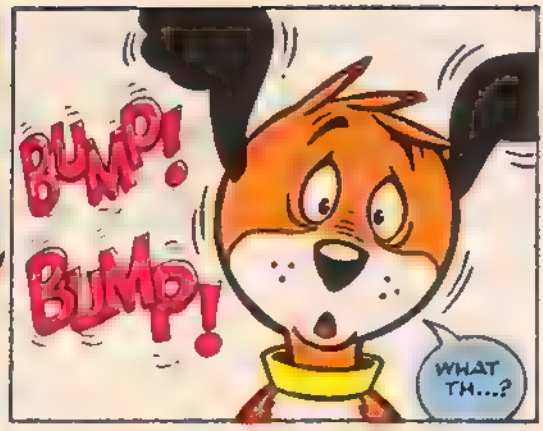
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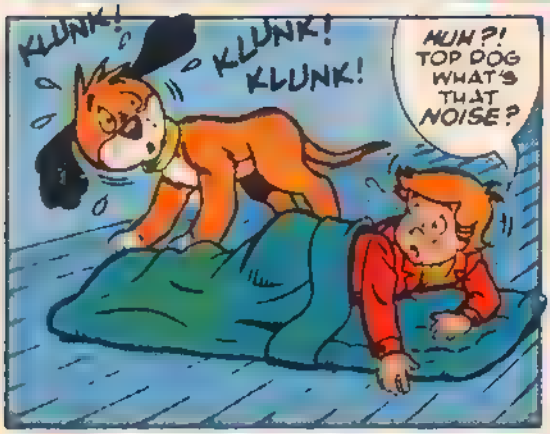
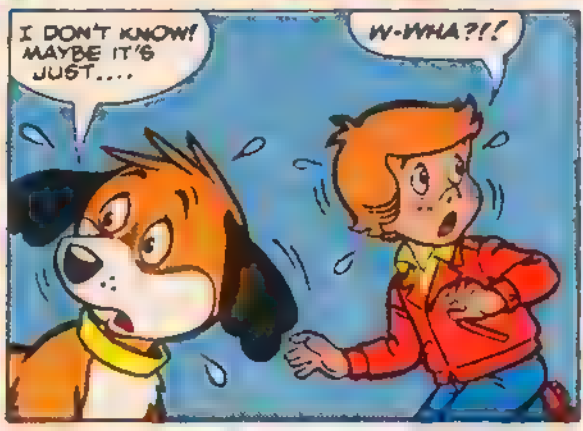
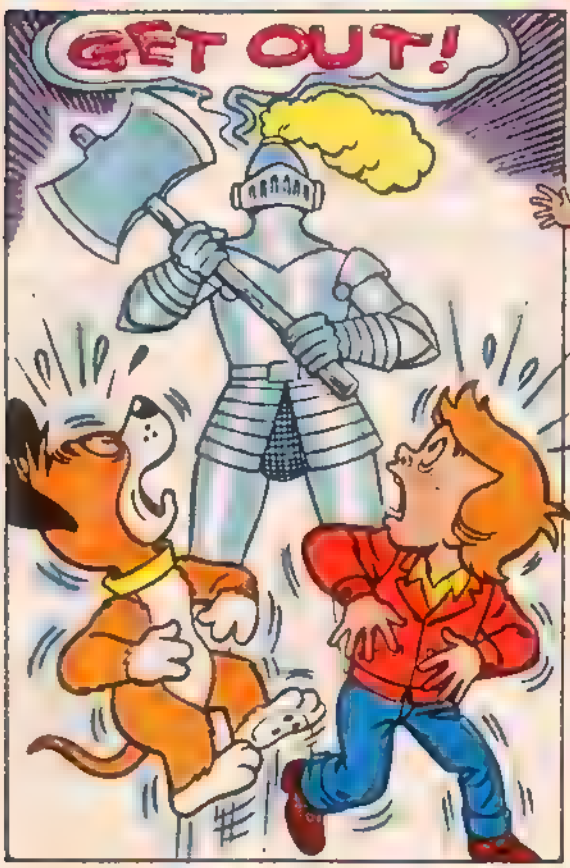
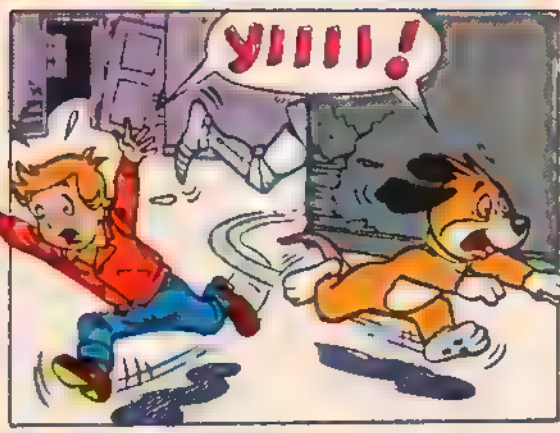

KLUNK!
KLUNK!
KLUNK!
HUH?! TOP DOG WHAT'S THAT NOISE?


I DON'T KNOW! MAYBE IT'S JUST....
W-WHA?!!


GET OUT!


YIIII!

OH, NO! THE DOOR'S JAMMED!
HUH?

STAR SIGNALS

Meet Super-Star JOSÉ DEURO

Marvel freelance credits (past): Not enough.
Marvel freelance credits (present): THE TRANSFORMERS & THE THUNDERCATS.
My hobbies are: Collecting old jazz records.
The single work of which I am most proud is: The comic book version of the Beatles movie—"THE YELLOW SUBMARINE."
My pet peeves are: People who make noise
My place of birth is: Buenos Aires, Argentina.
My greatest accomplishment outside the comics field is: Teaching basic drawing and helping young people become cartoonists.
My oddest habit is: I don't know.
If they were making a movie of my life, I'd like to see my part played by: Myself; nobody can imitate my accent.
The reason I got into comics was: Because I love it!!
People who knew me in High School thought I was: The crazy guy who was always drawing.
My favorite performer is: Woody Allen.
The last good book I read was: EMPIRE by Gore Vidal
The last good movie I saw was: "CRY FREEDOM"
The biggest influences on my work include: Carlos Clemen, a great Sudamerican artist, Alex Raymond, Milton Caniff & Hal Foster
My greatest unfulfilled ambition in the comics field is: To draw a great cowboy story.
The worst part of my job is: To figure out the layout of a page with 13 panels.
When nobody's looking I like to: Play computer games.
The one thing I really want the world to know about me is: That I am a good guy who draws little pictures.

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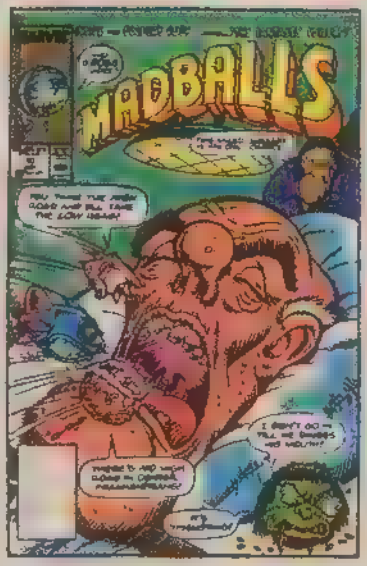

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I'D BETTER
HA HA!
HALP!
KLAVK!
KLANK!

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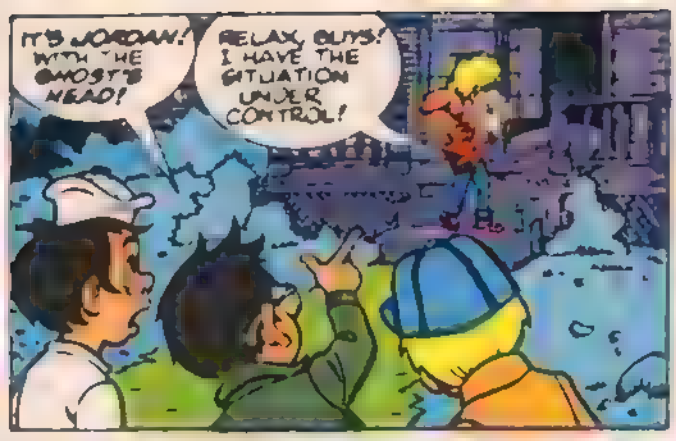
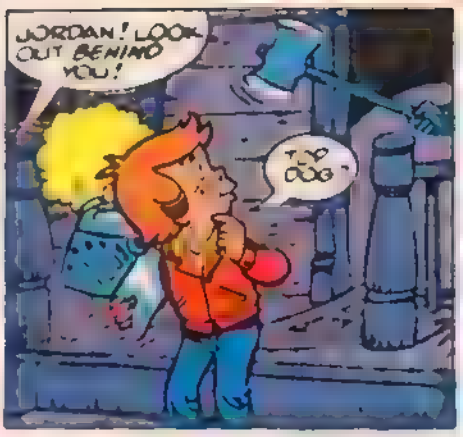
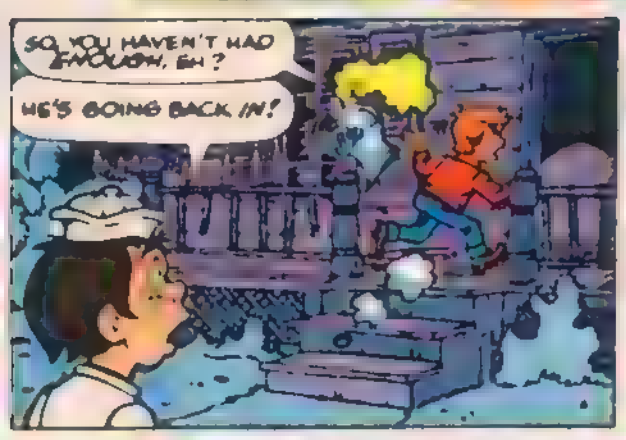
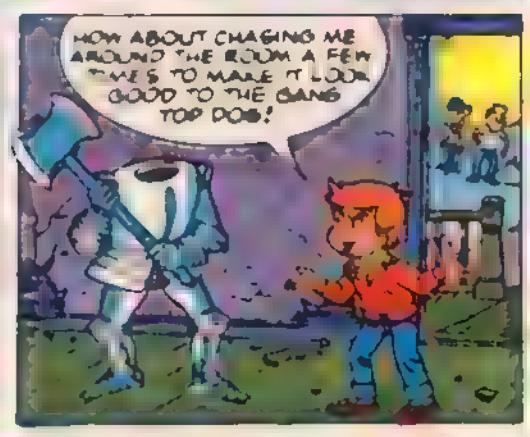
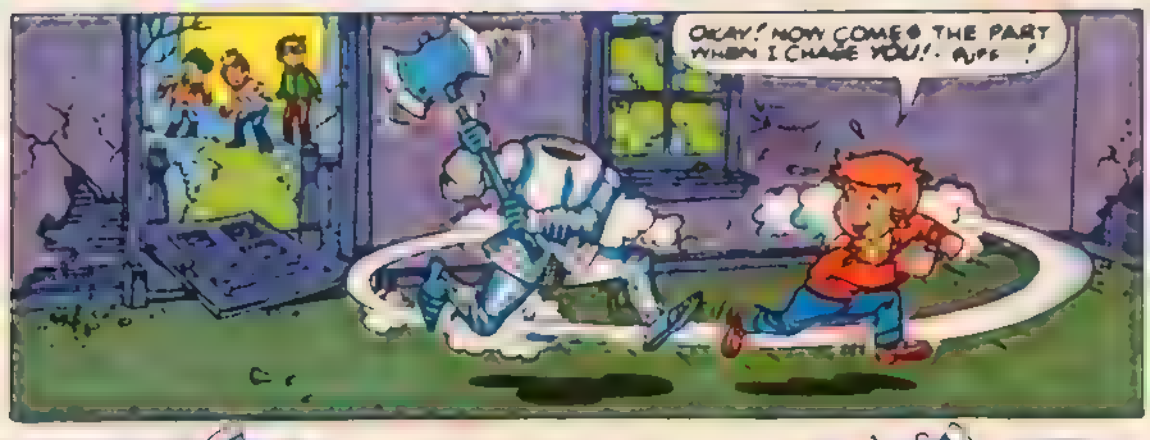
YIEE! IT'S A REAL GHOST!
G-GET OUT-T!
GANGWAY, JORDAN! THAT'S NOT ME THIS TIME!
GET-T-T OUT-T-T!
ALL EXCEPT YOU! THAT'S!
PLEASE DON'T
TOP DOG!
I JUST WANTED TO GIVE THEM A TASTE OF THEIR OWN MEDICINE!
GOTCHA, PAL!

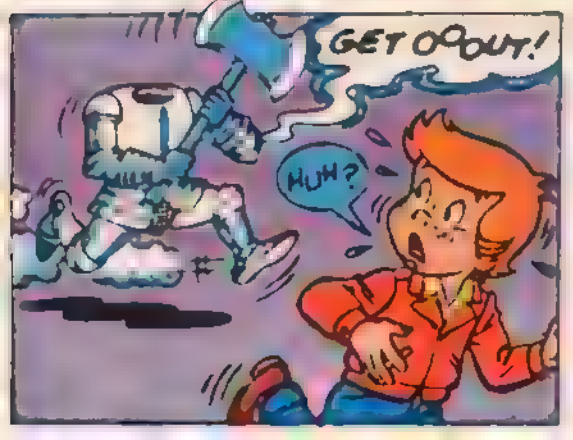

IT'S JORDAN! WITH THE GHOST'S HEAD!
RELAX, GUYS! I HAVE THE SITUATION UNDER CONTROL!


JORDAN! LOOK OUT BEHIND YOU!
TOP DOG


SO, YOU HAVEN'T HAD ENOUGH, EH?
HE'S GOING BACK IN!


HOW ABOUT CHASING ME AROUND THE ROOM A FEW TIMES TO MAKE IT LOOK GOOD TO THE GANG TOP DOG!


OKAY! NOW COMES THE PART WHEN I CHASE YOU! - RUFF !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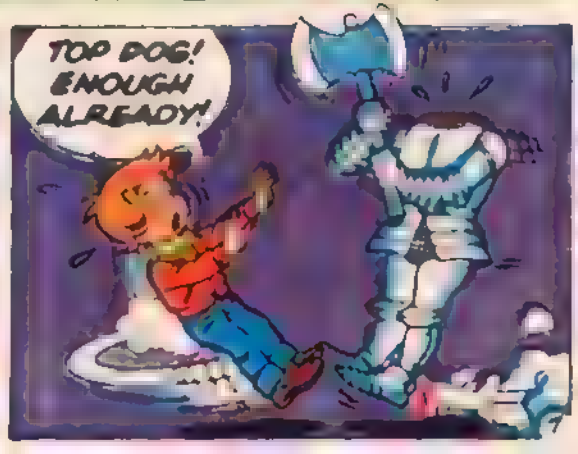
HUH?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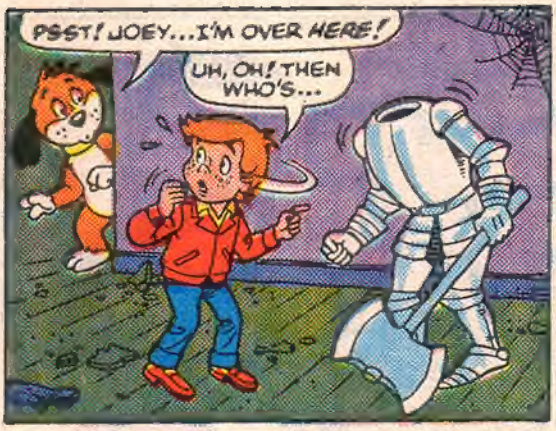
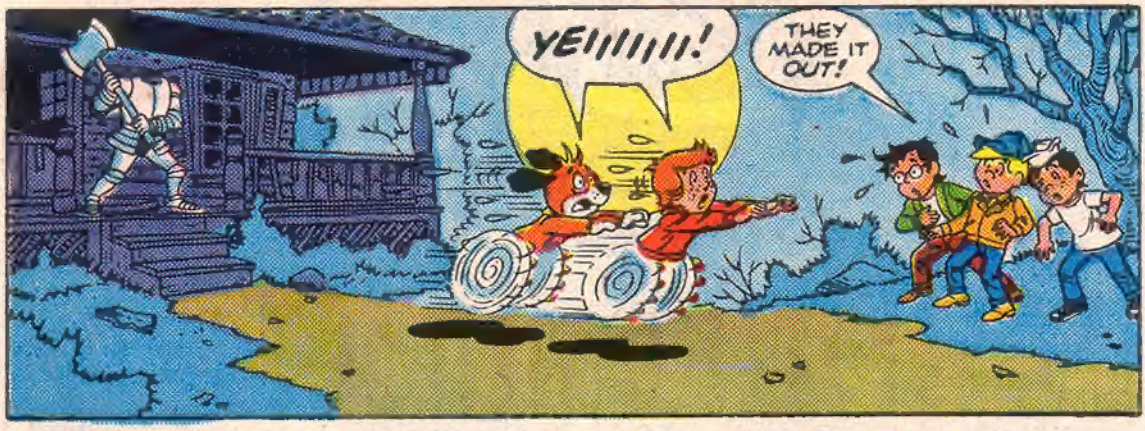
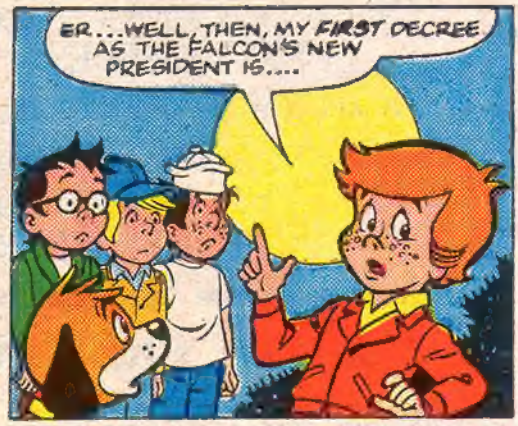

PSST! JOEY...I'M OVER HERE!
UH, OH! THEN WHO'S...

I'M THE ONE WHO'S BEEN TRYING TO GET SOME SLEEP AROUND HERE!


YE!!!!!!!!
THEY MADE IT OUT!

YOU'RE IN THE CLUB, JORDAN!
YEAH! AS A MATTER OF FACT...YOU'RE OUR NEW PRESIDENT!
I RESIGN!


ER...WELL, THEN, MY FIRST DECREE AS THE FALCON'S NEW PRESIDENT IS....

..LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
THE END

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- c☐ A loner. You value getting the job done over all else.

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- b☐ Medic
- c☐ Airborne
- d☐ Pilot
- e☐ Intelligence
- f☐ Artillery
- g☐ Armor
- h☐ S.E.A.L.
- i☐ Communications
- j☐ Jungle Warfare
- k☐ Special Forces
- l☐ Martial Arts

7. Secondary Specialty (check one)

- a☐ Computers
- b☐ Drill Instructor
- c☐ Rifle Instructor
- d☐ Laser Weapons
- e☐ Combat Engineer
- f☐ Gunners Mate
- g☐ Counter-Espionage
- h☐ Radar
- i☐ Electronics
- j☐ Machinist
- k☐ Frogman

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- h☐ Reflex Crossbow
- i☐ M-11 Submachine Gun
- j☐ M-60
- k☐ M-1911AT Auto Pistol
- l☐ M-32 Pulverizer
- m☐ Expert all NATO & Warsaw Pact Small Arms

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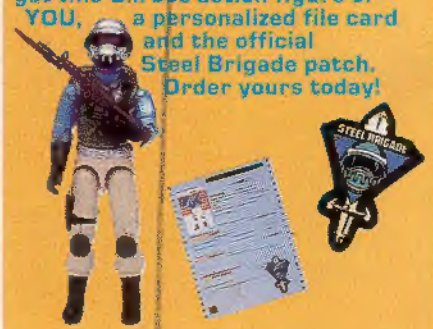
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